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Lone parents are targeted in £1bn social security cuts

DONALD MACINTYRE

Social security spending is to be cut by another £1bn a year in a drastic package of savings agreed between Peter Lilley and the Treasury to help provide room for Budget tax cuts, according to a letter leaked to the

The letter from the Social Se-

curity Secretary to William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary, also foreshadows for the first time deep cuts in housing benefit for the under-25s and cuts of up to 75 per cent in industrial injuries benefit, plus a tough new clampdown in pay-

ments made to single parents. Mr Lilley's offer on housing and injuries benefit, wrung from him in an acrimonious wrangle between the two ministers, is in addition to an agreed programme of savings which will reduce his budget immediately by £400m rising to £1bn over The confidential letter,

leaked to Labour's Social Security spokesman, Chris Smith and shown to the Independent, reveals that ministers are ready to risk what they admit could be a parliamentary defeat by forcing through the befeit cuts for Imillion single parents.

month to abolish for all new claimants the £5.20 a week Lone Parent Premium paid to those on income support, and to freeze the One Parent Benefit paid to single mothers irrespective of income. The Lone Parent Premium will also be frozen for existing claimantsmeaning a real terms cut for some of the poorest parents in Britain, But it also reveals that Mr Lilley fought a frantic rear-

to go even further by introducing full scale bills in the next Parliamentary session to abolish One Parent Benefit for all new cases and to make even more draconian cuts in young people's housing benefit - which would have also required primary leg-

The Social Security Secretary warns that abolition of One Purent Benefit would save a maximum of £60m in the third year

is a Whitehall euphemism for a rush of single parents postponing marriage or even delib-erately having children before the benefit has ended.

Mr Lilley says in his letter, sent on 24 October, that "with our shrinking majority" the secondary legislation needed to end One Parent Benefit "may be voted down" but if EDX [the Cabinet spending committee!

are minded to act in this area. they might consider that this would be less calamitous than losing a Bill which might save only a little more." The letter also reveals that Mr Lilley tried hard to resist staff cuts including those in DSS offices.

Mr Smith said last night that the letter showed the Government were not interested in a "sensible welfare system" and added: "They're simply grab-

ready have the least. They're robbing the poor to pay for the rich. He added: In a desperate search for election tax bribes the government are clearly intent on hammering the poorest people in the land. Young people living in rented accommodation, single parents struggling to bring up children, people who have suffered injury at work: thousands will suffer if these proposals go through."

New arms-to-Iraq row as Appeal Court quashes convictions of four businessmen

Ministers blocked vital trial evidence

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CHRIS BLACKHURST DAVID HELLIER and COLIN BROWN

The Court of Appeal yesterday overturned the convictions of four men, involved in supplying arms to Iraq, on the grounds that they had been denied a fair trial because vital documents were withheld by the Government.

Labour immediately called for the resignations of the ministers whose actions prevented the men, who ran Ordtech, an arms technology company, from gaining access to secret White-hall papers.

The decision by Lord Justice Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, removed the last legal obstacle to publication of the Scott report into British arms sales to Iraq, which already threatened to bring about the downfall of several Cabinet ministers

In its judgment, the Court of Appeal said the four were denied a fair trial in the absence of vital documents denied to them by the presecution. "We are satisfied that the documents which are now before the Court ought to have been made available for the trial." The ruling raised further

questions over the conduct of ministers in signing Public Interest Immunity certificates to prevent disclosure of evidence in court cases. In the Ordtech trial three years ago. Kenneth Baker, the then Home Secretary, and Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, issued such certificates. They were joined at the appeal stage by Michael Howard, the present Home Secretary, and Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary until this

As with the collapse of the Matrix Churchill case, which led to the establishment of Sir Richard Scott's inquiry, the Ordtech case centred on the involvement of one of the appellants with the security

Paul Grecian, head of Ordtech, had been working as a Special Branch informer and was the first person to inform Whitehall that Saddam Hussein was building a "supergun" with the help of British companies. Despite that, he was investi-gated and prosecuted by HM Customs and Excise.

ters from the trial, but finally dis-



Scotland Yard's Special Branch and MI5 and MI6. avow his help. In August 1990, a Foreign Office official re-

the [whistle] on the Iraqi Babynote for the security services, which said: "If Ordtech ends up in court [Mr Grecian] may be lon project. If we were not too in court [Mr Grecian] may be squeamish, we might use this point to ensure silence."

Evidence withheld by minis-



closed on appeal, revealed the his connections with [Special full extent of his assistance to Branch] and yourselves but Branch] and yourselves but there is an obvious risk he will try the working for British in-

telligence' ploy."
The official added: "his per-However, officials and ministers were prepared to dissonal future might be in some doubt if he was ever publicly portedly compiled a briefing identified as the man who blew

It is now increasingly difficult to dispel the suspicion that ministers were prepared to go to any length, even perverting the legal system,

to save their own skin - Leading article, page 16



Fighting four: (from left) Paul Grecian, Stuart Blackledge, Brian Mason and Colin Phillips. Far left, one of the documents that was withheld

During the appeal, it emerged that during the original trial the prosecution had told Mr Grecian they could not protect him from possible recriminations from either the IRA, on whom he had also informed, or the Iraqis, if he refused to plead guilty.

Another plank of the appellants' case, that the Government had turned "a blind eye" towards the export of arms to Iraq via Jordan was upheld by the Court of Appeal. Among the documents cited by the de-fence was a telegram from the 1990: "Are we trying to ensure that the problem does not arise again by putting a stop to further Jordanian involvement in Iraqi procurement? Have we

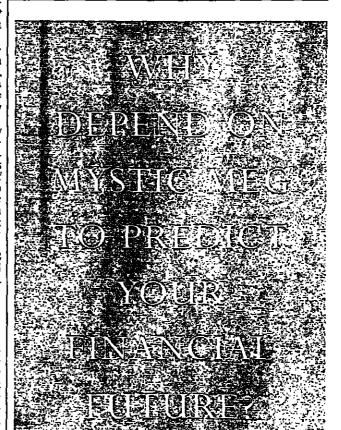
not turned a blind eye to Jordanian involvement in the past? (The Ambassador thinks that

this has been the case.) Mr Grecian and the other appellants, Bryan Mason, Colin Phillips and Stuart Blackledge. said they were considering a claim for compensation. "The whole thing has been a sorry

mess," said Mr Grecian. Robin Cook, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said the release of the evidence had not compromised security. "What is compromised is the integrity of this Government that is shown British Embassy in Amman to the Foreign Office on 28 May going to Iraq and has been going to Iraq and has been shown to pretend it didn't (know) when these businessmen were put on trial.

The cover-up, page 2 News analysis, page 15





Airline pilot's waggling wings lead to a ground

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

A pilot who flew an empty Boeing 767 off its normal flight path to go over his home to show off to his wife has been suspended, along with his co-pilot.

According to a witness, the chellen twice found the incident which hap—the airport, demanded a full in-been in on the joke, but it was

about 2,000 feet and waggled its wings over the town of Congleton, Cheshire, before continuing its journey from Manchester to Ibiza where it was due to pick

up a load of passengers. The witness says the plane Hong with his co-pilot.

According to a witness, the circled twice round the town the proposed second runway at the rest of the crew seems to have the incident which have

been at about twice that height

over the town. Jeff Gazzard, of Manchester Airport Environment Network

The plane would normally have air-traffic control procedures, saying there were serious safety implications: "These big aircraft are simply not designed to make tight manocuvres at 2,000 feet. which is campaigning against This may seem very funny and

pened at 4.30pm on 30 October. quiry into the incident and into actually a terrible safety risk." Mr Gazzard also asked why air-traffic controllers did not recontrolled airspace and happrobably delayed other flights." an inquiry which "could result

suspended after "a non-standard manoeuvre which may alise what had happened and have infringed noise abatement intervene: "This occurred in and company procedures". The company, which refused to repened at a busy time ... it lease their names, is carrying out Yesterday. Britannia con- in disciplinary action".

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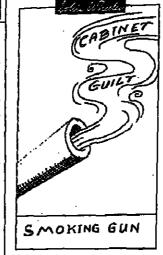
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Juppé reshuffle

Amid a growing row over the role of France's Prime Minister Israel's Likud Party in fuelling the po-litical violence which culminated in the reshuffle of his governkilling of Yitzhak Rabin, his widow has ment last night, less than accused the party and its leader of stir- six months after taking Page 10 office.



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Leading article: "In the election for the general secretaryship of Unison, the victor's opponents were two ultra-leftists and an anti-abortionist - testimony to the shallowness of the union's gene pool. Mr Bickerstaffe was, in truth, the best of a pretty poor bunch." Page 16

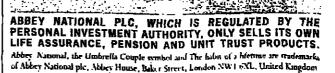
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The Ordtech affair: Collapse of Matrix Churchill trial prompted four businessmen to lodge appeal in arms-to-Iraq case

How one arms scandal led to another

DAVID HELLIER

It was the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial in November 1992, and the release of previously undisclosed documents to the defendants, which persuaded the four husinessmen in the Ordtech arms-to-Iraq case

to lodge their appeals.
"At the end of the trial we assumed that was it," said Paul Grecian, "that we couldn't do anything about convictions after pleading guilty. But when the Matrix Churchill trial collapsed the possibility was raised of going for an appeal.

The four businessmen were und guilty on charges of exfound guilty on charges of exporting to Iraq an assembly line for making fuses for long-range artillery shells. The export was deemed to be in breach of the Export Control Act.

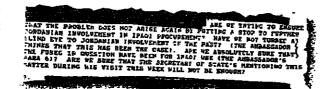
men ranged from six to 18

months, all suspended. The fourth man, responsible for the shipping of the equipment, was fined £1,000. His firm. EC Transport, had its licence for exporting defence equipment withdrawn as a result

The case held remarkable similarities with the Matrix Churchill trial but also a key difference. In both cases defeudants were denied access ahead of the trial to documents they helieved to be relevant to their defence. The striking difference, though, is that whereas the judge in the Matrix Churchill case eventually saw a need for

It is still unclear why the documents that now appear to be so relevant were never shown to the defence at their original Sentences for three of the trial. Andrew Collins, the prosecutor - he is now a High

case did not.



Telegram from the British Embassy in Amman

Court Judge - assured the judge at Reading Crown Court that after looking at documents made available to him by the De-partment of Trade and Industry, and having taken advice from a senior Customs official, he was assured that there were no documents of relevance to the defence.

"Had Mr Collins been shown the documents we have seen he could not possibly have said what he did in the passage quoted above," the Lord Chief

Justice said yesterday. He refused to speculate as to why the documents were not disclosed. noting that the whole issue was within the remit of the Scott inquiry, which now hopes to publish its long-awaited report into the Arms-to-Iraq affair early in

Even if Mr Collins had decided that there were relevant documents, he also told the defendants' counsel at the Reading trial that there were public interest immunity certificates

Confirmation that Jordan was acting as a front for Iraq

signed by Peter Lilley and Kenneth Baker which could have led to their suppression.

The appeal process has been a long and hard one and it was only in July of this year, more than three years after the original trial, that the appellants were granted access to hundreds of documents denied them at Reading Crown Court in 1992.

In July this year, in spite of the fact that Michael Howard and Douglas Hurd had signed new public interest immunity certificates, the defendants received hundreds of documents, from the intelligence services, from the Ministry of Defence, from the Foreign Office and from the Scott inquiry. Many

were given to them in abbrevi-

ated form because they were affected by public interest immunity certificates.

The defence case, once these documents materialised, was clear. They showed that Paul Grecian, the man who set Ordtech up, was an invaluable informant to the security services. They also contradicted a wit-

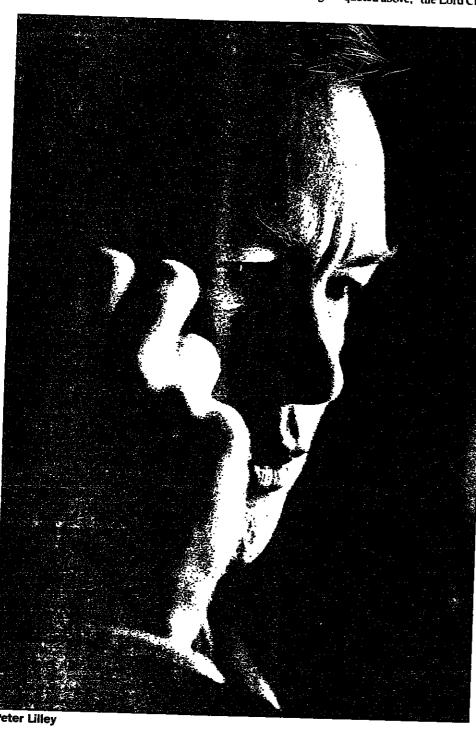
ness statement given in the Reading trial, indicating that Mr Grecian had only had two meet-ings with his Special Branch contact and on neither occasion had he discussed his defence involvement with the Iraqis.

The defence argued that Mr Grecian could not possibly have got access to the kind of things he did, such as the first inkling of the Iraqi 'supergun' project, without being involved in selling defence equipment to Iraq. He said his security service meetings began each time with a project up-date; therefore

known what he was doing.

The defence also argued the documents showed that, whilst the Government officially maintained the stance that it was not sanctioning the export of offensive weaponry to Iraq, every-one in the Government machine knew that a "blindeye" would be turned and the equipment would go through unimpeded if it were sent through Jordan. The defence argued that, had their clients received the documents they now have at their Reading trial their solicitors and barristers. would have advised them dif-

ferently - not to plead guilty, The more that's come out in the past couple of years about the way some people have tried to block our efforts to defend ourselves has been

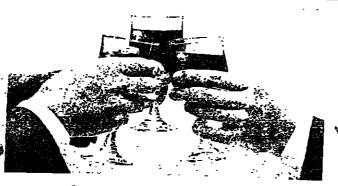








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The men at

Paul Grecian started Ordtech which specialised in exporting high-technology products and expertise mainly to third world countries in 1987. By 1989 he was fully involved

in dealing with Iraq, the largest of those Third World buyers. His previous career was in advertising, but at the beginning of the eighties he was introduced to the defence world

through one of his clients, and was sold on it. was sold on it.

At his high point, Mr Grecian owned an estate in Scotland. called Whitehall. Now he lives a far more modest life, staying in a rent-free house owned by

the Crown Estates with only the most basic furniture and carpets. If there has been a consolation it is that he has more time to spend on his favourite pastime, rugby, which he plays regularly, now as a veteran for

London Scottish. Of late, Mr Grecian's days have been spent either preparing for the appeal or doing the small amount of manual work es to pick up. It is far cry from the days in the late eighties when he was frequently travelling back and forth to Baghdad, lavishly entertaining his Arab customers in London's night-spots, relaxing at his Scottish estate, and holding regular meetings with his Special Branch contact and his se-

curity service handlers. Mr Grecian pleaded guilty to two charges of conspiring to export defence equipment to Iraq in contravention of the Export of Goods (Control) Orders on 24 February 1992. He was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment on each concurrently suspended for 18

months. Bryan Mason was Ordtech's chief engineer, closely involved with design and production. Like Mr Grecian, he travelled widely and frequently to Iraq. He said the whole affair had been a nightmare for him and his family. His wife is a school-

"We always wanted to appeal but until the Matrix Churchill trial came along we never realised we could get hold of the papers," he said earlier this week. "I'll be glad when it's all over because I've got other things to do with my life."

The US authorities are still interested in extraditing him. but he hopes this threat might

Mr Mason pleaded guilty to two charges on 24 February, 1992. He received nine months imprisonment on each count, concurrently, which was also suspended for 18 months. Stuart Blackledge was a project engineer based in Geneva and Iraq for Space Research Corporation, the Belgium-based company that created the Iraqi supergun project. In 1988 SRC received an order

from Iraq for a modified version of the M739 fuze. Mr Blackledge approached Ordtech to design, develop, construct and export an assembly line for the

Since the trial, Mr Blackledge has worked at British Nuclear Fuels and North West Water as an engineer. He is now working in the car industry. He says there appeared to be "a lot of pressure on the prosecution to gain a conviction with the minimum of publicity" at the

Reading trial



Bryan Mason



Stuart Blackledge



Colin Phillips

Mr Blackledge pleaded guilty to one charge a day after the others and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment suspended for 12 months. Colin Phillips arranged Or-

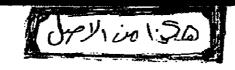
dtech's shipments to Iraq. He then worked for EC Transport in Wimborne, Dorset. Several months after his conviction, the Home Office withdrew that company's licence for the shipment of dangerous goods, which forced him to re-

company re-applied and got its licence back. Mr Phillips has since set up his own company, Colin Phillips, which arranges for the shipment of ammunition and explosives.

sign. Once he had resigned, the

Now, not surprisingly, he says he feels "a bit numb" about the whole experience.

Mr Phillips pleaded guilty to one charge and was fined £1,000, payable within 6 months with 30 days' imprisonment on



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INBRIEF

man was murdered and anoth-

er savagely beaten in Plymouth

Victims of anti-gay attacks

are being contacted after the

men were found just after mid-

night lying in a park known as

a meeting place for gay sex. The dead man, aged 40, had been

stabbed in the groin and beat-

en. The injured man, aged be-

tween 40 and 50, was described

as stable. Unconfirmed reports

Gays warned of homophobic killer Police fear a homophobic killer could be at work after after a

vesterday

Men win funds to fight Labour quotas

Political Correspondent

The Equal Opportunities Com-mission has backed two male would-be MPs in their legal action against the Labour Party's policy of women's quotas for

parliamentary candidates. The EOC has taken the controversial step of offering financial help and expert advice to Peter Jepson and Roger Dyas Elliot, whose joint case

Leeds industrial tribunal on 11

embarrassment to the Labour Party, but the commission believes that it is "a matter of public interest" to test the legality of the policy, a spokesman said.

It decided to make a "limited offer of assistance" last week and wrote over the weekend to Mr Jepson, who is acting for both men, offering access to its dataagainst Labour will be heard at to seek further legal opinion. base of cases and to pay for him

Mr Jepson was excluded the case seriously and will be from an all-women shortlist to choose the candidate for the case seriously and will be have formal legal representation, although he does have voluntary help from a newly The case could be a serious choose the candidate for the new safe Labour Regent's Park seat in central London; Mr Dyas Elliot was turned away from the selection process in Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Mr Jepson, a PhD student and part-time law lecturer, claims that Labour's policy is in breach of both the Sex Discrimination Act and the European equal treatment directive. The Labour Party is taking

an office with Tony Blair, the Labour leader, in the chambers of Lord Irvine, the shadow

Lord Chancellor. "I think that shows they are concerned with the case," said Mr Jepson, who welcomed access to the EOC's research back-up and expertise in equal opportunities case law as a way of matching Labour's legal firepower. Mr Jepson does not qualified barrister.

Mr Blair has been unenthusiastic about the policy of requiring local Labour parties to choose female candidates in half of all winnable scats. In July he said that the policy, brought in by John Smith in 1993 but opposed by the party's former leadership, Neil Kinnock and Roy Hattersley, was "not ideal at all", and he said it would ap-

Literary Editor

The Booker Prize, generally

accepted as the world's premier

award for a single work of fic-

tion, was won last night by The

Ghost Road by Pat Barker. The

announcement, made at the Guildhall in the City of London

by George Walden, the outgo-

ing MP and chairman of the

Booker judges, shocked many fans of Salman Rushdie, whose

fifth novel, The Moor's Last Sigh,

was the bookies' favourite to win

- indeed, at odds of 4:5, it was

the hottest-ever favourite for the

£20,000 prize. Ms Barker was

in 1943 and now living in

Durham, Pat Barker is some-

thing of an unknown quantity on

the metropolitan literary circuit

(she always feels "relieved",

she says, to get back to her northern roots), but her novels

have won a steadily growing rep-utation since 1991, when she

published Regeneration, the first

of a trilogy of novels about the First World War, of which The

Eye in the Door (1993) was the

second and the new Booker

Her family was working-class.

She studied history at the Lon-

don School of Economics and

became a teacher. She began

writing in her mid-twenties, fin-

ished several unpublished nov-

els, and was advised by the late

novelist Angela Carter to write

about her own northern back-

ground. The result was Union

Street, her prizewinning debut,

ing-class life which was bizarrely wards the Enlightenment.

winner the third.

Born in Thornaby-on-Tees

second favourite at 3:1.

ply only to the coming general election. He later said it would be up to the party as a whole to review" the policy after the general election.

Alan Lakin, the EOC's chief legal adviser, yesterday denied that the commission had changed its position. The commission, which is charged to "work towards the elimination of sex discrimination" and to monitor the 1975 Act, obtained counsel's opinion last year from Michael Beloff QC that Labour's

into the love-and-dyslexia movie

Stanley and Iris, starring Jane

The Chost Road explores the

trauma of soldiers in the First

World War through the psy-

chological investigations of

William Rivers, a real-life an-thropologist and military psy-

chiatrist, and the swath cut

through Edwardian society by

one of his patients, the bisexual class warrior Billy Prior. His-

torical figures such as Wilfred

Owen and Lewis Carroll turn up

in the narrative but the dialogue

is brightly modern, and a sub-

plot about anthropological re-

searches among Melanesian

natives offer an eloquent coun-

terbalance to this glittering sto-

ry of civilisation falling apart.

Reviewing it, the Times Literary Supplement said, "With the oth-

er two volumes of the trilogy, it

forms one of the richest and

most rewarding works of fiction

The other contenders were:

☐ Barry Unsworth's Morality

Play. Unsworth, 65, won the

Booker in 1992 with Sacred

Hunger, an epic tale of slave

ships and the value of human

lives in the 18th century. In

Morality Play he goes to the late-

14th century, a time of plague

and famine in England, and

traces the wanderings of a

troupe of travelling players,

driven by penury to enact, in-

stead of a Bible story, the tale

of a real-life local murder of a

14-year-old boy. Unsworth of-

Ages as they began to turn to-

of recent times."

The book is a worthy winner.

Fonda and Robert de Niro.

transmogrified by Hollywood a Tim Winton's The Riders.

policy was lawful - "which remains the view of the commission", he said.

The case will turn on whether political parties have a blanket exclusion from the provisions of the Act, or whether being an MP is "employment" - access to which is controlled by the Labour Party in safe scats.

Meanwhile, Labour's National Executive is continuing the slow process of imposing allwomen shortlists on reluctant local parties.

Dismayingly young at 35, Win-

ton is the bright young hope of

Australian novelists, much praised by the likes of former

Booker laureate Thomas Ken-

neally. In The Riders, the stol-

id Fred Scully, beginning to set

up a new home in Ireland, dis-

covers that his wife, Jennifer.

has disappeared in Europe and

sets out with his little daughter,

Billie, to track her down. His

quest leaves the reader hanging

□ Justin Cartwright's In Every

Face I Meet. South-African-born

Cartwright's twin obsessions with London and the African wildness

of his childhood meet in Every

Face (the title is from Blake's

Song of Experience about Lon-

don), which offers the alter-

nately banal and despairing

thought processes of a London

businessman on the slide, and the

musings of a young prostitute and her crack-dealing black pimp who is to be the businessman's

Nemesis. Cartwright's ventrilo-

quial skills cannot hide a slight-

ly effortful piling on of the agony.

Salman Rushdie's The Moor's

Last Sigh. The 48-year-old, Bom-

bay-born, Rugby-educated, chronic winder-upper-of-dan-

gerous-and-powerful-men-and-

women Rushdie, in his fifth

novel gives the reader the ex-

plosive figure of Moraes Zo-

goiby, who tells the epic tale of his father, Abraham's, huge

20th-century trading empire in

Cochin. Rather than deal in the

religious sectarianism of The

Satanic Verses, Rushdie makes

and gives Moraes a body that

ages at twice the normal speed.

in an existential limbo.

claimed both men suffered mutilation to their genitals. **Extradition** move

A French anti-terrorist magistrate flew to London in what is seen as the first steps to extradite an Algerian wanted for questioning in France over a wave of bombings. Abdelkader Benouif, 36, also known as Abou Fares, is being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act after his arrest on Saturday

Lawyers walk out

Lawyers representing four men accused of involvement in the murder of 31-year-old Margaret Wright - an epileptic battered and shot by a mob at a loyalist drinking den last year – walked out of the trial at Belfast Crown Court without giving a reason. The judge adjourned the case until today.

No Go on Internet

Attempts to take the Monopoly board game into the hi-tech age with the launch of the CD-ROM version on the Internet with a game involving players in Las Vegas, Paris, Hamburg and London failed after a power cut hit lines in London.

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Booker Prize: Judges favour Pat Barker's novel 'The Ghost Road' about soldiers' traumas in the Great War Northern realism wins over Rushdie's hot property



Cuts could exact a high cost in human hardship

More than one million lone par-ents, thousands of young people leaving home and up to 150,000 recipients of industrial injuries benefits are to be hit in a fresh round of savings, which will in time take almost another £1hn a year out of the social security budget, according to the leaked correspondence from Peter Lilley to William Waldegrave, Chief Sec-retary to the Treasury.

The freeze in lone parent premium and one parent benefit will hit well over one million single parents - depriving them of a 3.9 per cent inflation-linked increase next April. In addition, the £5.20-a-week lone parent premium paid to single parents on income support will be abol-

ished for new cases. . The real terms cut in the value of benefits marks something of a departure for Mr Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, who has argued that benefit rates "by and large" are "not hugely generous" and that they "don't enable people to live the life of Riley." In the main, his approach has been to restrict the numbers eligible for benefit rather than reduce the individual amounts paid.

welfare payments will hit thousands, says **Nicholas Timmins**

social security is such, however, that Mr Lilley has agreed to savings which rise from £400m next year to £1bn a year in three years time, on top of the £4bn that the Government has already removed from the social security budget by the end of the century - chiefly by introducing the revamped incapacity benefit, the jobseeker's allowance, and cuts to housing benefit.

These, however, look set to go further, with Mr Lilley sug-gesting that in future those aged under 25 could be pressured to live in bedsits, flats or hostels, rather than in self-con-tained flats of their own, by restricting their housing benefit payments to the cost of shared accommodation. That would produce savings of £10m next year, rising to £65m a year by

1999, according to the letter. The most controversial saving, however, will come from the changes to lone parent pay-

Plans to save £1bn in ments. Almost one million people receive the non-means-tested one parent benefit of £6.30 a week, which is to be frozen. The means-tested lone parent premium, worth £5.20 a week and paid to people on income support, will also be frozen, while new claimants will no The pressure for fresh cuts in

longer receive it.

saving on industrial injuries benefit which will cut the numbers receiving the reduced earnings allowance. That allowance which makes up the difference between what a worker earned before their injury and what they can earn now - was abolished for new claimants in 1990, unless their injury occurred before then. It pays up to £38.12p a week to 150,000 claimants, but Mr Lilley's officials have now found a way of increasing the numbers who move off the supplement to the much lower retirement allowance. This pays only a maximum of £9.53 a

week, or a quarter of the earn-

ings allowance if it was less than

Mr Lilley has also offered a

the £38 maximum. The housing charity Shelter protested that youngsters would be hard-hit if they were limited to shared accommodation.

Wilson's papers for Bodleian

former prime minister who died in May, has left £490,992 in his will, published yesterday. Controversy over the role of Marcia Williams, his personal political secretary, followed him to the grave in a flurry of interest over a clause leaving "his political papers, correspondence, speeches and memoranda and all rights therein" to her, writes John Rentoul.

Diana Rawstron, of solicitors to the Bodleian." Marcia Williams, now Lady

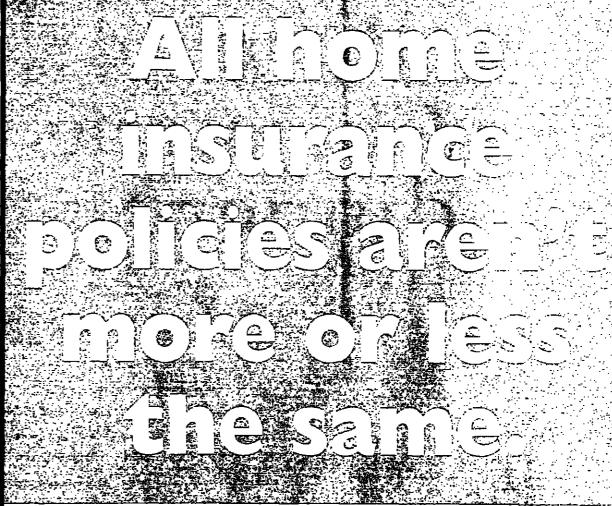
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Lord Wilson of Rievault, the

But it emerged that these personal papers are already being handed over to the Bodleian Li-brary in Oxford "to be kept as part of the national heritage".

Goodman Derrick, acting for Lord Wilson's estate, said: "It's a superfluous provision of the will. The papers were handed over about five years ago to a charitable trust, and they are in the process of being transferred

Falkender, named as Lord Wilson's literary executrix, super-vised the handover. She "does not get a penny of benefit from it", said Mrs Rawstron. Lord Wilson's wife Mary inherits the estate, which includes a flat in London and a house in Scilly.



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Drama as witness collapses after telling of deal

Wests 'had secret pact to let Fred take all the blame'

WILL BENNETT

Rosemary and Fred West made a pact that he would take the blame for the Cromwell Street killings, a witness told Winchester Crown Court yesterday

before collapsing. Janet Leach, who suffered a stroke last year and who was visibly distressed as she gave evidence, was taken to hospital when she became unable to speak or move during the lunch break. The case was adjourned until today when the court will be told whether Mrs Leach, who became a confidant of Mr West after his arrest last year, is fit to

resume giving evidence. The court was also read a note yesterday from Fred West to his wife discovered in his prison cell after he was found hanged on New Year's Day.

Mrs Leach, 39, was being cross examined by Richard Ferguson QC, for the defence, when the court broke. When the jury returned the judge told them of her collapse. A spokesman for the Royal Hampshire County hospital, Winchester, later described her condition as "satisfactory".

Mrs West, 41. denies murdering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at the Wests' house, 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and at their previous home in the city. Mr West was charged with 12 murders.

Yesterday Mrs Leach, a mother of five, told the court how she had sat in on scores of police interviews with Mr West last year as an "appropriate adult". This is a system designed to provide an impartial witness and is commonly used when

children are being questioned. Mrs Leach spent much time talking to Mr West when police were not present and he told her a different story to that which he told detectives. "What he was saving in the interviews was not totally true, he was protecting Rosemary," said Mrs Leach, who was called by the prosecution to rebut taped interviews played to the court on Friday in

which Mr West said that his wife was not involved in the murders.

"He just said that when he was arrested he wanted to know whether Rosemary had been let out because that was important to him because they had made a pact that he would take the blame for everything.

"If he was going to go into an interview and was going to talk a lot of nonsense he would tell me," said Mrs Leach.

She said he first told her about the pact a few days after his arrest. "Some of the things he said in the interviews he would change ... but he said that he and Rosemary had made a pact and that Rosemary would never say anything.

Brian Leveson QC, for the



Janet Leach: Fred West told her of pact to let Rose escape

prosecution, asked: "At any stage did he ask whether Rose-

mary was out [of custody]?" Mrs Leach replied: "Yes. That was after about three or four days ... When she was released he just said the plan was working."

Asked about Mr West's reaction when his wife was re-arrested, Mrs Leach replied: "He was upset and just said that the police were getting too close and that they would find out that Rosemary was involved.*

Mrs Leach wept as she told the court she had been "devastated" by what he told her. She became ill after sitting in on interviews for three months. She said she had not told police at the time because she regarded

her conversations with Mr West as confidential and he said he would tell the truth at his trial.

Mrs Leach kept in touch with Mr West and said she was "really angry" when he died because this left her to carry the burden of what he had told her. She sought legal advice and then went to the police.

Earlier Dr James McMasters, medical officer at Winson Green prison, Birmingham, where Fred West was found hanged, said Mr West had told him he had lied to protect his wife, who had enjoyed cruelty.

Dr McMasters said he went to see Mr West in August last year because he was upset after a row with his solicitor. "He claimed he had been telling lies to the police," said Dr Mc-Masters. "He said he felt his wife was responsible for restraining his daughters while they were raped ... He said his wife was running a brothel from his house. He claimed that he was protecting her and was pared to go to jail for life. He said that in the past his wife had tried to murder him by trying to stab him with a knife.

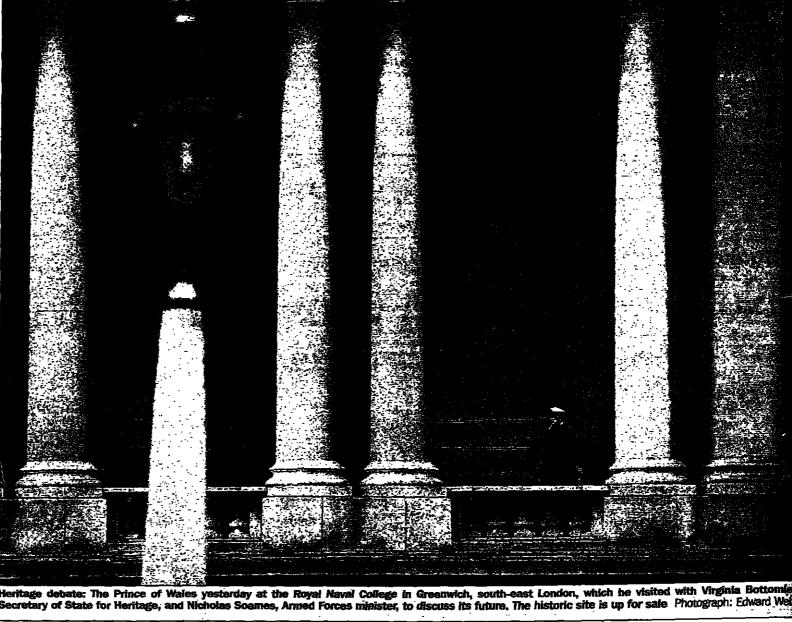
"He also claimed that his wife Rosemary enjoyed cruelty ... He blamed his wife for sexually abusing the children and for using them for prostitution."

The court was read two notes found in Mr West's cell. One said: "Well Rose it's your birthday on 29 November 1994 and you will be 41 and still beautiful and still lovely and I love you. "We will always be in love.

The most wonderful thing in my life is [sic] when I met you. Our love was special to us so love keep your promises to me you know what they are. When we are put together it's up to you

"Lay Heather [their daughter who they were both charged with murdering] by us, we loved Heather." The note concluded: "When

you are ready come to me and I will be ready for you." Mr West then drew a gravestone with the epitaph: "Where no shadow falls in perfect peace."



Union leader refuses £9,000 pay increase

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The man yesterday elected leader of Britain's biggest union waived a £9,000 pay increase and warned Tony Blair he vould not be in his pocket.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general ecretary-elect of Unison, the 1.4 million-strong public service union, said he was happy to remain on his salary of £55,236, and indicated strong points of difference with Labour.

Asked about the gap between his own politics and those of the privately educated Mr Blair, he said: "He didn't go to an infants school in Doncaster." The new Unison leader said his

leader was "new and developing" and that he did not want any "fisticuffs".

Mr Bickerstaffe said: "We are not in the pocket of the Labour Party, we are an independent trade union and we will contimue to press those causes we believe in best, including a national minimum wage." Mr Bickerstaffe, 50, currently associate general secretary of the union, will take over the leadership in March at a time when Unison members are expected to vote more funds into Labour coffers, making the union the party's biggest affiliate.

The Unison election result was closer than expected with cent of the vote and his closest rival, Peter Hunter, who stood on an anti-abortion and "antipolitical correctness" platform. receiving 29.3 per cent. Only

around a fifth of the membership returned their ballot forms. Asked why he was foregoing the £64,000 salary, to which he is entitled when he takes over as leader, Mr Bickerstaffe replied: "What you don't have, you don't miss. After 30 years in the movement, I am happy with the salary I've got." He said the gesture was not meant to be part of a "horse-hair-shirt revolution". He was "much younger in the job" than the

60-year-old current incumbent,

waive the salary increase comes in the wake of union revulsion over the increase in earnings enjoyed by directors of public utilities where Unison has a large membership. The general secretary-elect

warned that he would expect a future Labour government to remunerate public-sector workers "fairly". Some observers believe that the first industrial action to be suffered by a Labour government will come from Unison members whose wages have been held down. Mr Bickerstaffe came to

public notice during the 1979 winter of discontent", when his union, NUPE, was held respon-

relationship with the Labour Mr Bickerstaffe taking 47.7 per Alan Jinkinson. The decision to sible for a strike by gravediggers which left corpses unburied. The new Unison leader was also blamed by close associates of Mr Blair for fomenting opposition to the Labour leader's

plan to ditch the pro-national isation clause 4 of the party con stitution. As a leader of Unison Mr Bickerstaffe spoke against reform last April. But behind the scenes he argued that the union should support Mr Blair 2 Although identified with the

left in the Labour movement, b has met considerable suspicion from some hardliners. He cam under fire for allowing NUPE, of which he was then general secretary, to abandon its polici-

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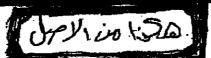
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PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES and COLIN BROWN

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, was yesterday forced to urge reluctant Tory MPs to comply with the new rule on disclosure of earnings. amid signs of possible defiance. There were recriminations, too, directed at John Major for allowing the Government to be outflanked by Labour.

- Meanwhile, a full-scale post mortem was launched into one of the worst miscalculations by Government business managers in recent years.

Seething Tory MPs who voted against disclosure of earnings for parliamentary work were fu-rious with the Prime Minister for getting them "into this mess" and sending morale back to rock-bottom. Sir Michael Neubert, the MP for Romford. and Euro-rebel Tony Marlow, who represents Northampton North, are among those who might defy the new ruling.

But Whitehall sources complained that insufficient intelligence had been gathered in advance of last Thursday's Prime Minister's Questions, when Mr Major unequivocally

came down against disclosure. having an average of 1.6 each, only to be humiliated by a compared with 0.7 for those in thumping 51-vote Labour majority on Monday night.

It was suggested yesterday that Government whips had too readily assumed that MPs who were not openly declaring their intending support for disclosure were against it, when in fact they were silently in favour.

The complaints reactivated criticisms that followed the defection of Alan Howarth, MP for Stratford-upon-Avon, to Labour on the eve of the Tory conference. Whips were accused then of failing to recog-nise the alarm bells when Mr Howarth failed to return their telephone calls.
Nor was enough done on the

night, some MPs claimed yesterday. "They were reading papers when I went in," said one. A Labour analysis of Monday night's humiliation revealed that the 23 Conservatives who voted for disclosure held proportionately less than half the number of paid parliamentary consultancies than those backbenchers who followed the

Government line. Those against disclosure have each, with those who abstained begins, next Wednesday.

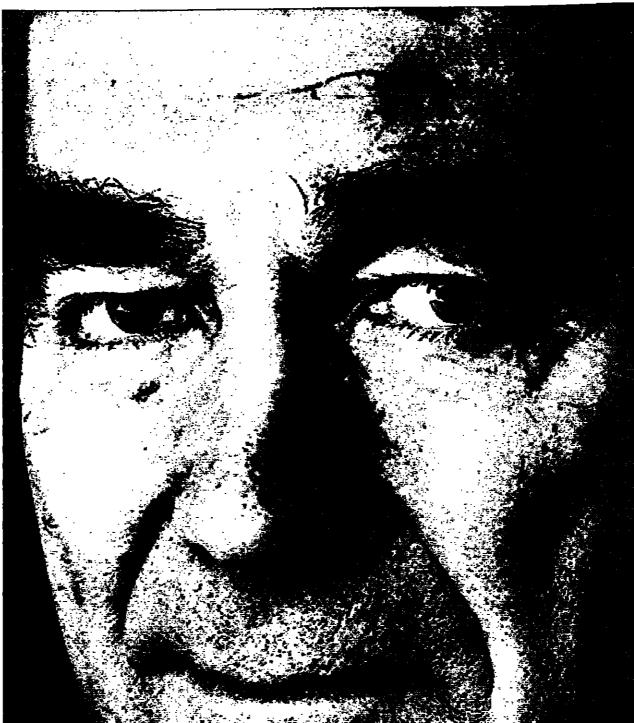
favour. Eleven of the 23 rebels also occupy marginal seats, which Labour claimed was an indication that its weekend offensive to win the vote had proved effective.

During a Prime Minister's Questions confrontation with Mr Heseltine, John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, also underlined his party's commitment to persuading Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life to investigate party political funding as matter of urgency. Lord Nolan has put off a decision on such an investigation until after the next general election.

'Why can't the public know where the Tory party gets its money from? Who has paid for a knighthood? Who has paid for a peerage? Which foreign businessmen have bankrolled the Tory party?"

The next stage of the implementation of the Nolan recommendations will be the arrival at Westminster of Sir Gordon Downey, the newly-appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, when an average of 1.7 consultancies the new session of Parliament

Heseltine calls on 'Sleaze-buster' faces a hostile reception



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Chief Political Correspondent

The so-called "Sleaze-buster General", Sir Gordon Downey, 67, will face deep resentment among MPs on all sides when he takes up his position next

Wednesday. His appointment as Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards deeply angered many MPs because of the size of his salary, £72,500 a year. A total of 73 MPs opposed his

appointment, put forward by the Liberal Democrat Alan Beith as chairman of the House of Commons Commission. Many were Tories but they including leading Liberal Democrats such as Sir David Steel.

Nicholas Winterton, one of the Tory MPs who voted against the appointment, wondered what expertise Sir Gordon had for the job. Hansard yesterday recorded Labour MP Dennis Skinner's reply: "Bugger all." In fact, Sir Gordon was high-

ly respected as a watchdog on public spending as Comptroller and Auditor General. He served from 1981 to 1987 and became a thorn in the Thatcher Government's side.

Sir Gordon, a civil servant at the Treasury from 1952 to 1981. served as private secretary to three Chancellors, Butler, Macmillan and Thornycroft, before serving in the Think Tank - the Central Policy Review Staff.

Concerned about the waste of taxpayers' money, he helped to create the National Audit Office by assisting Lord St John of Fawsley in drafting a private member's Bill which set it up. He showed his independence from the Thatcher Government by blazing a trail for the NAO, whose reports go to the Public Accounts Committee.

As someone with a proven record in uncovering fraud, he was regarded by Labour as a natural choice for the task of enforcing the new rules on the disclosure of earnings, and policing the system.

Since his retirement he has held a number of posts including commissioner of appeals on cases concerning the Associa-tion of Futures Brokers and Dealers, complaints commis-sioner for the Securities Association and the International Stock Exchange, chairman of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association: chairman of the Personal Investment Authority; and readers' ombudsman for the Independent.

What MPs can and can't do

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MP C, indirectly sponsored through constituency payments by fireaghters' union, asked to pul down Commons motion on safety regulations MP D, trong bench health spokesperson, whose partiementary researcher is paid for by health workers union, plans to lead debate on "privatisation" of NHS

MP & paid parliamentary adviser to charity for elderly people, wants to advise on progress of planned social security changes

MP F, paid parliamentary consultant to Midlands motor traders association, wants to speak on Japanese car imports

MP G, paid consultant/adviser to doctors' professional association, plans to lead delegation to Health Secretary about doctors' working hours

Banned: not a general policing issue - but many examples of advocacy will be allowed, such as over manpower levels and possibly even pay because of public interest in office morate; some may argue the latter is a "grey" area that should go to the commissioner, consultan cy contract must be lodged with commissioner and income declared in bands

Allowed: general health service issue? Tories might claim this is a "grey area". Labour would argue that contracting out parts of the NHS is a genuine public policy issue and/or one directly affecting constituents; financial agreement would have to be lodged in the normal way. ed: contract must be ledged and income declared because MP working in his or

Allowed: of genuine interest to constituents? But some might argue it's a grey area

Banned: specific sectional interest? Could be grey area, if member believes, for example, that patients at itsk, but doctors belong to a "closed shop" so that argument could led down; there is no bar on an informal approach to the minister, however, nor at present on the MP writing him a letter; consultancy must be registered in usual way

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Gulf War Syndrome: MPs 'appalled' at reluctance of ministers to address veterans' concerns over effects of drugs they took



Living testament: Eddie Blench, who claims to have suffered illness since the Gulf war, at the press conference yesterday Photograph: Dillon Bryden

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MoD accused of turning blind eye to stricken troops

Defence ministers were yesterday castigated by a cross-party committee of MPs for their "appalling" reluctance to in-vestigate "Gulf War Syndrome" and a slow and inadequate response to hundreds of veterans who claim to be suffering from

The Defence Select Committee took the rare step of calling a press conference after its own year-long investigation, which concluded the MoD had been "quick to deny but to slow to investigate" the syndrome which, it is claimed, has affected more than 700 veterans and caused rare abnormalities to 40 Gulf war babies.

In a report that some memoutrage at the Ministry of Defence, the MPs unanimously dismissed ministers' claims of a lack of evidence to link Gulf service and reported illnesses as merely a reflection of the fact that they had carried out so little research.

The report claimed that the MoD's response stood in stark contrast to that of the US military authorities, which had launched a full epidemiological study and were already paying interim compensation to veterans. While the committee judged the US response "comssionate", it dismissed the MoD's response as reactive rather than pro-active and 'characterised throughout by scepticism, defensiveness and general torpor".

The committee is demanding comprehensive and properly funded MoD investigation into the illness, which some experts believe may be linked to the cocktail of anti-chemical and biological warfare drugs and immunisations administered to British and American servicemen and women in the Gulf.

Some have reported being immunised up to nine times in one day against a range of potential dangers, including an-thrax and bubonic plague.

In the US, large numbers of Gulf veterans claim to be suffering from a range of symptoms, from severe weight and nemory loss to chronic fatigue,

bers claimed toned down their But there have been no reported cases among French troops, who did not receive the Menzies Campbell, a Liber-

al Democrat committee mem ber, said the MoD had had to be "pushed, kicking and screaming" towards new initia-tives. The Labour MP Bruce George, who admitted initialscepticism about the syndrome, was upset by the MoD's cavalier" attitude and warned that if it did not respond positively to the report, Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for De-

the committee. But Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, attacked the report as "unhelpful and disappointing". He denied that the department had been complacent. 'We retain an open mind on this issue."

fence, would be brought before

Major Hilary Jones, who served in the Gulf for three months, believes that the illness that has since forced her to leave. her post as a military nurse can be traced to the war. Once on a salary of £25,000 a year, she is now surviving on benefits. ...

The committee singled-out the drug pyridostigmine bro-mide. It found it "incredible" that the drug took 12 years to be fully licensed in Britain. "We are not convinced that the drug was adequately tested in the UK for use over long periods in the type of conditions prevalent in

Editor died from cocaine overdose

A hard-working and hard-playing magazine editor died from a massive cocaine overdose, an inquest was told yesterday.

Michael VerMeulen, editor

of the top-selling men's magazine GQ, was taken to hospital on 29 August when a friend noticed he had vornited in his sleep and could not wake him.

The 38-year-old editor, of Isington, north London, was pronounced dead at Whittington Hospital. His heart had stopped after he had taken twice the lethal level of the drug, David Brown, a pathologist. told St Pancras Coroner's Court. Daniele Minns, who de-

scribed herself as a close friend, had spent the previous night with VerMeulen and said he had drunk wine, beer and brandy during the night. She assumed that he had taken cannabis when he told her he had smoked a drug, and she said she had no idea that he had in fact snorted cocaine. Stephen Chan, the coroner,

said: "I understand the deceased was a person who had a big appetite for work and play living life in the fast lane for

"To colleagues he may have been a larger-than-life hero but others may have looked at



him in a less complimentary light. He was very popular in the various clubs he belonged to He worked very long hours and was generally thought to be a man about town and a heavy drinker."

Recording a verdict of death misadventure. Dr Chan said: All the evidence satisfies me entirely that the consideration of a suicide verdict is totally inappropriate.

There is no evidence that the deceased used cocaine regularly or habitually but I am satisfied he was conscious of what he was doing on that fatal morning. This rather excessive level pushed him beyond his physical tolerance - ending in

DAILY POEM **Hybrid Tea Roses at** the Unmanned Railway Halt

By Michael Hamburger

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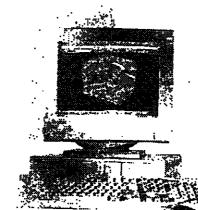
They needed once as a mirror. However late the train. Few notice them in passing, But let them bc, in their limbo no longer human.

Michael Hamburger, poet and translator, was born in Berlin in 1934 and emigrated to Britain. with his family, in 1933. He in 1934 and emigrated to Britain, with his family, in 1933. He read modern languages at Oxford, where he was a contemporary of Larkin, and was published first as a translator of the German poetic canon and as a literary critic. His Collected Poems 1941-1983, however, appeared in 1984. A new edition, published by Anvil Press at £25, updates this collection – delightfully described, for its quiet cadences and assonances as "unfashionable as birdsong" – with a resonant cycle of dream and nature poems.

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Prescription only: Ruling covers four brands

Cancer link leads to ban on sale of headlice remedies

Health Editor

Four brands of headlice remedies are to be banned from over-thecounter sales in pharmacies because the pesticide they contain has been linked to cancer in lab-oratory animals, the Department of Health said yesterday.

New restrictions are also to be introduced for carbaryl-containing pesticides used by gardeners and poulterers, while extra-protective measures are being introduced for people who may be exposed to carbaryl occupationally.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) said there was no risk to consumers from the low lev-

foods. Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said yes-terday that action to restrict the availability of shampoos and lotions containing carbaryl to prescription was "precautionary

However, the Ministry of

only. This is not a cancer scare."

Dr Calman added: "There are no reports that the use of carbaryi has led to cancer in humans. But in the absence of any firm toxicological evidence to the contrary, prudence dictates that we must assume that what happens in laboratory animals - rats and mice - could con-ceivably happen in humans."

There are an estimated 60,000 cases of headlice a year but around 3 million bottles of remedies are sold annually. Carbarylcontaining products account for about 10 per cent of the market, and in addition to pharmacy sales 132,000 prescriptions were written for it last year. The new restriction will apply to Caryl-derm lotion and shampoo; Clinicide lotion; Derbac-C lotion

els of carbaryl residue in some fect from January 1996. People who have any of these products on their bathroom shelves are bethem" by the DoH.

Pharmacists are being told to recommend alternative treatments available without prescription. These are: Derbac-M. Prioderm lotion/shampoo, and Suleo-M, which contain the pesticide malathion; Lyclear Creme Rinse (permethrin); and Full Marks (phenothrin).

In addition to its use as a pesticide, carbaryl is used in some veterinary medicines, flea collars and animal shampoos. A MAFF expert committee, the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, said that humans were unlikely to be exposed to concentrations as high as those used in laboratory tests. However, some products are being banned while the safety of carbaryl in animal medicines is being reviewed. The aim is to reduce human exposure to carbaryl," a spokesman for MAFF said. and shampoo, and Suleo-C lotion and shampoo, and will take ef-More information on the

Experts find role as scaremongers

Last month it was blood clots and the contraceptive Pill that struck fear into the hearts of 1.5 million women. Today it is cancer, newly linked with headlice shampoos, insecticides and even flea collars, that is causing anxiety to parents, gardeners, farmers and pet-lovers.

The lure of a good health scare is hard to resist for both journalists and readers. But one group thought to be above such alarmism were the scientists and doctors who advise the Government on such issues.

These experts, we believed, insisted on cool consideration of the evidence, ignoring pressure from consumers and commercial interests, and delaying a decision until they were convinced it was in the best interest of the patient. Well, not any more.

The two most recent health scares have not been "got up by the media", but have been generated by such august bodies as the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Committee on genicity, and the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, all of which appear to be based on a fundamental scientific principle. This principle requires new evidence to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. To act on information that is not in the publie domain, that has not been

Analysis

scrutinised by other independent experts, is unfair to both manufacturers and the public.

The decision to advise women on seven brands of Pill to change to older brands was made on the back of preliminary data from three unpublished studies which suggested that the risk of a blood clot on the newer pills was twice that of others. But the risk is still half that of developing a

blood clot during pregnancy. A Yesterday's action to remove four brands of carbaryl-containing headlice remedies was the result of unpublished data in rats and mice on a chemical widely used for decades.

In the past, advisory committees have not pandered to the public. In Stephen Dorrell we have a Secretary of State for Health who has committed himself to the principle of evidencebased medicine, of the "rigorous assessment of new ideas and

Few would disagree with this view, but recent events do not augur well for the future.

Liz Hunt

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Pornography debate: Artist highlights newsreader's case as clear illustration of regressive trend towards cultural censorship

Hockney attacks 'philistines' over Somerville arrest

DAVID LISTER Arts Correspondent

David Hockney, arguably Britain's best-known living artist, yesterday entered the controversy over the arrest of newsreader Julia Somerville and her partner, architect Jeremy Dixon, for taking pictures of her naked child.

Hockney startled a press conference called to publicise his forthcoming exhibition at the Royal Academy by making a swingeing attack on Scotland Yard, Boots the Chemist, and on Parliament for framing "philistine laws on pictures".

And in a theatrical gesture, he produced from his pocket a postcard of an 18th-century painting of a half-naked young girl, lying in bed, with her legs in the air stroking her dog. The painting was by the French artist, Fragonard.

The press conference started calmly enough, with Hockney in fine form, joking about his life and how he liked to live and work quietly, often bypassing London when he flew from Los Angeles to visit his 95-yearold mother, by flying to Humherside via Amsterdam.

Asked about contemporary art in Britain and moves away from painting and drawing, he replied: "It was sad when they abandoned certain kinds of teaching of craft. I pointed out

where it might lead. I recently the things I am. Scotland Yard saw the show of young artists at do not really like pictures. the Tate. There were no warm

That's the point

restrictions on pictures.

books, gathered from around

the world, have never been

depictions of a human being. Then, to the surprise of the packed room, he went on: "The person who was trying to make warm depictions of a human being was arrested by the police.

There's something deeply wrong and deeply odd that this happens to someone who tried to make a depiction of a human being. You are supporting the police doing that. I'm not. I am criticising it. The desire to make depictions of a human being is a common thing, part of a great tradition in art. It goes back hundreds of years."

Later, Hockney was asked about photography, and again he brought the subject back to the Somerville arrest. He said: "People are very naive about photography. I think they are very naive about photography at Scotland Yard, frankly.

"I've looked up quite a few of the restrictions that Parliament has on pictures. I've a picture in my pocket of a little girl, about 12, or 13, or 14, in a very, very provocative pose. If I described that to Scotland Yard they would come over right now. I think something is wrong in Boots too and I don't mind

saying so.

"Parliament are philistines, people who are not concerned with heauty, not concerned with



Art of the matter: David Hockney strongly defended the rights of all to 'make depictions of human beings

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid



Questionnaire reveals a nation of form-fillers

GLENDA COOPER

Britain is a nation of formfillers. Every year consumers complete 49 million applications, fill out 54 million forms for money-off coupons and respond to 38 million marketresearch questionnaires.

But according to a report by the Henley Centre, launched during National Consumer Week, few companies then bother to analyse this data properly and risk alienating enstomers by not explaining why information is collected.

Around 1,500 people were interviewed for the Dataculture report on giving out personal information. The study describes 80 per cent of us as "pragmatists" - concerned about protecting privacy but accepting we must trade information for better service, money off, infor-

mation or tailored products. Only 9 per cent are "fundamentalists - unwilling to surrender personal information for any reason. And at the other extreme a radical 8 per cent don't care who holds infor-

mation about them". Information that people are willing to give out is arranged in a strict hierarchy. Unsurprisingly, the three most private areas are personal income (which only 16 per cent would give out): household income (13 per cent) and personal investments and savings (11 per cent). However, 9 out of 10 are will-

ing to provide their name and 86 per cent will hand over their More than three-quarters post code.

will also volunteer information on their marital status, television viewing, job and even their age. Around 67 per cent will reveal their religion while more people are willing to give out their weight (56 per cent) than their work telephone number (30 per cent) or their political allegiance (40 per cent).

But the majority of con-sumers are not confident that companies will stick to the law on data protection. Under the 1984 Data Protection Act, a company cannot pass on a customer's name without notifying

the individual concerned. More than 70 per cent felt it was inevitable companies would find out things about them and just over a quarter believed most companies abide by the Data

Protection Act (most do). One of the main complaints was list-swapping within companies. Three-quarters of consumers understand that if they tick an opt-out box on ques tionnaires their names should not be passed on but fewer than a quarter believe such requests

are honoured. Three-quarters of companies hold a customer database with just 7 per cent of utilities and 18 per cent of financial services firms claiming to be without one. Consumer goods and travel firms are least likely to have a customer database.

However, only 13 per cent of the sample had fully integrated their databases and only 7 per cent had a manager in charge of running the facility.

Few companies in the sample were using databases on a strategic planning level or for customer value analysis or satisfaction surveys," said Melanie Howard, head of marketing studies at the Henley Centre. "This suggests that the potential contribution of database marketing to improving market share and customer retention have not been realised."

The report concludes that companies need to allow customers to have greater control over information - such as telling them what details are held and allowing them to check. "Longer term the fact information is not being used properly is making them suspicious," said Ms Howard.

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The aftermath: Peres promises to continue the peace process as talks proceed on Israeli withdrawal from West Bank town



Widow blames Likud violence

PATRICK COCKBURN

Israel is to move ahead with the next stage of its withdrawal from the West Bank amid a Likud, the main right-wing party, in fuelling the political vi-

assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Israeli and PLO officers met in the northern town of Jenin to work out details of the handover of the first West Bank town

mysterious hijack is still

unclear. Police have already

dismissed the theory that

the Almera heist was

orchestrated by a rival

manufacturer as 'balder-

dash', although they readily

admit that the Almera

boasts levels of comfort and

technology not normally

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leading the inquiry, said To

be honest, we are all at sea.

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fits that description, which

is why we have asked

INTERPOL for their help'.

City of Sunderland' was

sailing through the Bay of

Biscay when it disappeared

from radar screens late last

Tuesday night. Police have

now confirmed reports that

a local fishing boat spotted

another much larger ship in

the near vicinity, but that it

failed to appear on radar.

The idea that one ship

could swallow another is

not beyond the bounds of

credibility a spokesman

said. However, the thought that this larger ship may

have been in possession of

some sort of futuristic

cloaking device has us very

worried indeed."

Nissan's cargo ship The

Inspector Doyle, who is

disappeared.

shall continue the process of peace that we have started." Rabin's widow, Leab, has

directly accused Likud and its leader, Binvamin Netanyahu, of hand anyway because she did not want to make a scene.

'Yes, surely I blame them," Mrs Rabin said at her home. "If you ever heard their speeches at the Knesset [Parliament] you would understand what I mean. They were very, very violent in their expressions: We are selling the country down the drain. There will be no Israel after this peace agreement."

MICHAEL SHERIDAN

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign

Secretary, yesterday spear-

headed a damage-limitation

exercise to soothe Saudi Ara-

bia's anger over the activities of

A constant stream of propa-

ganda and agitation from exiles

opposed to the Saudi royal

family has infuriated senior

princes, and local businessmen

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sources, both the Interior Min-

ister, Prince Nayef, and the

tan, have expressed the desire

to favour other countries over

Britain in the allocation of fu-

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ture government business.

Defence Minister, Prince Sul-

tracts could be at risk.

dissidents based in London.

but Labour supporters have asked why posters showing Mr Rabin's face superimposed on a gun target were allowed at Likud rallies.

from West Bank Arah towns and villages would go ahead on schedule. The pullout is to be

a prize to the assassins, that they can stop everything by killing the Prime Minister?

Amid controversy over se-curity lapses which allowed Yigal Amir, the assassin, to get close to Rabin, Israel has started a clampdown against known members of extreme Jewish organisations. Avishai Raviv, head of the far-right group, Eyal, who praised Mr Amir immediately after Mon-

Why were posters with Rabin's face superimposed on a gun target allowed at Likud rallies?

Mcanwhile Yossi Beilin, the Economics Minister, discouraged speculation that Mr Peres might seek to bring forward the general election, due next October, to capitalise on the sym-

day's funeral, spoke to Israeli army radio from hiding to say he feared arrest. While denying any involvement in the killing of the Prime Minister, he admitted that Mr Amir was a

member of his organisation. Fresh details of Rabin's last moments have also emerged from his driver. Menachem

mischief."

saving 'not so bad', his head fell and the bodyguard was screaming at me, 'Drive, drive'." Israel Radio said four far-

if the gunman's claims con-

fused bodyguards, but said he

himself wanted to believe the

Only later, as he drove to-

wards the hospital with Rabin

and his bodyguard did he realise

the Prime Minister was seriously

hurt. "We asked him 'Where

does it hurt?' and he said, 'In

the back. Then he said suddenly

'Not so bad, not so bad,' as if

he were worried about us," Mr

Damati said, *But as he finished

bullets were fake.

right-wingers had been arrest-ed. More arrests are planued, and some activists have gone into hiding, A spokeswoman said David Libai, the Justice Minister, planned to ban incitement to violence against

public figures.

Angry Rabin supporters tore down posters that depicted him in Nazi uniform or wearing Yasser Arafat's distinctive keffiveh headdress. On Mount Herzl thousands of Israelis con-

them intensely but our society

been changed before, And Rabin left Israel insisting that Jerusalem would remain its eternal capital - which is not

Why Rabin will be mourned by no Palestinians

Beirut — Did any Palestinians shed tears as they watched Yitzhak Rabin's funeral? "You the final-st won't find a single one," a survivor of the 1948 exodus said in Beirut. For you, Rabin was the warrior for peace. To us, he was the man who drove the Palestinians out of Lydda in 1948 -50,000 of them by our count, a catastrophic event at that time. For the West Bankers, he was the man who ordered the "bone-breaking" of the intifada uprising. You remember his ace-making with Arafat. We remember criminal acts.

It sounded ungenerous, cruel, after the grief at the ceme-tery outside Jerusalem, shown live across Lebanon as television stations lifted CNN's coverage of Rabin's funeral. But the tragedy of the Palestinians is not going to be mitigated by the murder of an Israeli prime minister by an Israeli Jew. The old Damascus rejectionists - the Palestinian popular fronts and ratestinian popular fronts and the struggle fronts and the other corrupted revolutionary cliques of the PLO – were yesterday still mouthing threats against Yasser Arafat, who according to the tired that the struggle of the Alexander of the Alexander of the struggle of t

of the Ahmed Jibril's "General Command", will surely share Rabin's fate. But Mr Arafat's fate could be infinitely more long-drawn-out.
For, despite the predictable

talk of rededication to peace, the man who shook Rabin's unwilling hand in Washington two years ago is unlikely to reap any benefits from the murder. As one of Mr Arafat's former political comrades in the Palestine National Council commented bleakly, he will be confronted by a new and weaker Shimon Peres. "Arafat will receive a visit from Peres soon," the Palestinian said.

"And he will appeal to Arafat for more concessions. 'We al-ways told you we had to appease our right wing.' Peres will tell Arafat. 'Now Rabin has been killed and you realise how serious our situation is. So we need more concessions. That is what Arafat faces.

West Bankers and Gaza Palestinians have little reason to believe in the optimism expressed by the dignitaries on Mount Herzl. Five thousand families are still waiting for their sons, brothers and husbands to be released from Israeli prisons. The remainder still have no idea of a "peace" timetable. Indeed, the repeated delays in implementing the accords so solemnly sworn between Mr Arafat and Rabin mean that neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis have any idea what the future holds. Mr Peres has confirmed a timetable for Palestinian "redeployment" and Palestinian elections. But timetables have

the final-status peace talks.

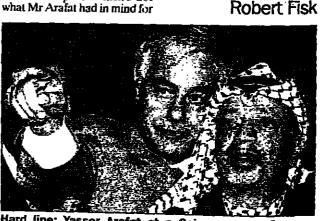
Yet perhaps the Palestinians are in danger of over-simplifying events in Israel, of falling into the same trap as the rest of the world, encouraged by statesmen and journalists to believe that the killing of Rabin is some kind of freak event. For Palestinians in Beirut who did not choose to gloat over Rabin's death, his murder represents the culmination of a battle between the theological and ideological pil-lars of Israel which began, in Palestinian eyes, with the capture of Jerusalem and the West

Bank in the 1967 war.
"Until then, the biblical Zionists were content with the political project of the Zionist movement for a homeland." Mr Arafat's old crony said. "But after 1967, these same people made real demands to live on the newly captured territory. There was a kind of unwritten alliance between them and the secular Israelis. They co-operated, up to a point. Rabin too. But there were two options and eventually they would come into conflict. We Palestinians ignored this inter-Jewish battle. Rabin thought he could be smart enough to compromise with both, seeking peace with us but allowing the fanatical, religious settlers to stay and build bigger settlements on our land. They didn't trust him or his peace process. That's why he vas shot.

The Hebrew-language press does not circulate in the Arab world but several Palestinian iournalists noticed an article in Yediot Aharanot which stated that on the morning after Rabin's murder, "Israelis woke up in a different country. The pa-per, according to a Palestinian who can travel regularly to the West Bank from Lebanon, was right. "It is a crossroads. There have been important Israeli leaders who have died when the state of Israel was militarily much weaker than it is now: Ben-Gurion, Chaim Weizman, Golda Meir. But Rabin was murdered by his own people. That is the point. The conflict has reached an intersection. Things can never be the same

again within Israeli society." Or within Palestinian society. Under continued Israeli occupation, under Mr Arafat's rule and in the diaspora, the Palestinians can do little but watch this conflict play itself out, all the while fearing that Mr Arafat will accept more delays, less "redeployment", will demand fewer withdrawals in order to help Mr Peres survive. Meanwhile, those who are waiting for the "peace process" to collapse will rejoice each time a Yigal Amir steps forward. As Faisal Husseini, the shrewdest of Mr Arafat's stalwarts observed, Palestinian extremists and Israeli extremists "encourage each other".

Robert Fisk



Hard line: Yasser Arafat at a Cairo news conference,

to come under Palestinian self-After talks with John Major, stirring up hatred which led to one of the many foreign leaders who attended Rabin's funeral rule since Rabin reached agreeher husband's death. She said ment on the latest stage of the that at the funeral she did not Oslo accords. Shimon Peres, the want to accept Mr Netanyahu's on Monday, Mr Peres said the olonce which culminated in the acting prime minister, said: "I condolences, but shook his withdrawal of Israeli troops

Mr Netanvahu said he did not take what Mrs Rabin said to heart because she was in deep grief. He added: "These attempts now to make political hay out of this, to try to say it is the responsibility of the Likud, are like asking whether Lee Harvey Oswald was a Republican or a Democrat and

largely complete by the end of the year. Israel has also eased the closure of the West Bank and Gaza.

the Foreign Secretary and his

Saudi counterpart, Prince Saud

crack down on a prominent fig-

ure in the opposition. Professor

Mohammed Masari, who fled

the kingdom last year. He has

lodged an appeal with the Home Office after his applica-

tion for political asylum was re-

jected. Mr Masari is a

self-proclaimed revolutionary

who wants to replace the Sau-

di monarchy, which he de-

nounces as corrupt and

irreligious, with a government

adhering to the pure principles

Mr Masari has set up the

Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, in north

London, from where he bom-

bards supporters in the kingdom

with faxes and telephone calls.

Yesterday morning, the Sau-

in talks over the Golan Heights. Saudi Arabia fears that without

The Saudis want Britain to

al-Faisal.

of Islam.

then blaming the party." Other Likud leaders say that 50 per cent of Israelis were with them in opposing the Oslo accords.

pathy for Rabin and his policies. "Why should we advance the elections after what happened?" "It's nothing ... they are not real he asked. "Why should we give bullets." Mr Damati did not say

Damati says Mr Amir shouted as he raised his hand to shoot: "It's nothing ... they are not real bullets." Mr Damati did not say

Future of the right, page 17

Rifkind tries to quell exile row

is such that that is something

which is tolerated."

tance far more than they de-serve by the media," Mr Rifkind said after the talks. "We have no time for those who are making These explanations, however, have failed to make much of British officials said both an impression on the absolute sides had agreed that the monarchy which governs Sau-Masari affair should not affect di Arabia. It is also hard for the "perception which sur-British diplomats to gauge the rounds the relationship belevel of support for the dissitween Britain and Saudi dents in a society notable for its Arabia. They were also at reticence, and carefully monipains to represent the discustored by the secret police. Sevsions as a dialogue in which the eral radical cleries were Saudis were aware of the mudetained last year after disturtual benefits of the relationship. bances in the northern town of The Foreign Secretary repeat-Bureidah, while economic aused the line that the British terity measures were damaging Government can take no mea- the monarchy's customary use sures against Mr Masari unless of financial benevolence to

he breaks the law. "We take action against penple on the basis of their deeds, cent reports of trouble, while a not their opinions," Mr Rifkind told a local interviewer. "If last year has enabled the govpeople have opinions, we may ernment to benefit from an

shore up its authority. But there have been no reslight rise in oil prices over the

was raised during the first round "One or two individuals in disapprove of them or dislike improved economic climate. London are given an impor-For Saudi Arabia, religion holds the key

Michael Sheridan, in the first of a series on Arab reaction to Yitzhak Rabin's

Jeddah - There was, of course, just one lead story on the front pages of most Saudi Arabian newspapers yesterday.

King Fahd, passing the late summer in this sweltering city on the Red Sea, has hailed the role of the industrial sector in boosting development and commended the efforts of the petrochemical and refining industries.

But next to the Saudi monarch's lengthy and optily evident how deep are the mistic pronouncements, readers wells of distrust and how fun-damental the divide between Iscould digest news-agency ac-counts of the funeral of Yitzhak rael and the Muslim world.

Rabin. The satellite dishes that blosdi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, told Malcolm som on balconies and rooftops across Saudi cities allowed many of the kingdom's 12 mil-Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, lion citizens to watch the sad that the Kingdom would conceremonials in Jerusalem and. tinue its quiet efforts behind the indeed, to witness the attenscenes to encourage Arab countries to pursue the peace dance not only of Egypt's Hos-ni Mubarak and Jordan's King process. Prince Saud believes Hussein, but also of emissaries Rabin's untimely death may from Saudi Arabia's Gulf neighoffer Syria and Israel an opportunity to break the deadlock hours, Oman and Qatar.

The Saudi newspapers dis-

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killing, finds just how deep is the divide between Israel and the Muslim world Omani and Qatari presence, no doubt judging it a little too sensitive for readers who abhor Is
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> The Middle East after Rabin

tention of making the public gestures of reconciliation to which leaders such as King Hussein have become accustomed. Leading members of the royal family have angrily, if privately, rebuffed as "naive" American entreaties to do so. There is a simple self-prevision of land, the Saudi aversion to Zionism springs from religion.

In 1986 King Fahd decided to relinquish the title of "His Majesty" and to adopt instead the honorific of "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques," thereby reiterating in every official document and deed his family's rule over the sacred shrines of Mecca und Medina. These religious obligations help to legitimise the absolute monarchy and grant Saudi Arabia a paramount status among the Islamic nations.

It is Jewish control over the Muslim holy places of Jerusalem - the Temple Mount (the Noble Sanctuary to Muslims) and the Aqsa Mosque which embitters the zealous and goads the monarchy to a position of resolute isolation from direct contacts with the Israelis. Thus, while Yasser Arafat can take small comfort from the acquisition of Palestinian territory, the Saudi monarchy can see no benefit to Muslims until the issue of Jerusalem comes under discussion in the Permanent Status negotiations," due to

start in May next year but

likely to be delayed.
"Saudi Arabia made no comment on the death of Rabin and I would not expect them to, said a diplomat in Jeddah. They don't like to talk about it." observed a local newspaperman. "It is all right for Saudis to see it all on television so long as the kingdom is not

brought in to the picture. King Fahd and the dynastic system face criticism from Islamist critics, who deride the monarchy as corrupt, condemn political proximity to the Western powers and demand its unflinching adherence to the

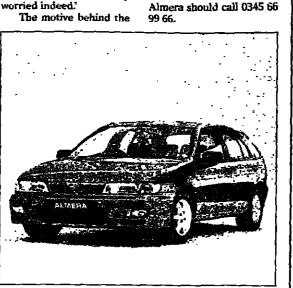
Sharia religious law. The Saudi government has responded by rounding up and arresting radical clergymen.
But it has simultaneously es-

tablished a consultative council to mitigate discontent among the merchant class, which predominates in Jeddah, and endowed ever more mosques to satisfy the Wahhabi fundamentalists who hold sway in the desert capital of Riyadh.

As an example to all concerned, Prince Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz, the Interior Minister, has overseen an intimidating number of executions by beheading in the last year.

The sensitive interplay in Saudi society between the monarchy, the Islamic ulema, or clergy, and popular opinion provides perhaps the textbook example of how the Arab-Israeli conflict still profoundly affects the whole region.

The problems were not solved with Arafat's agree-ment," said a Saudi official yesterday. "Perhaps they are just heginning.`



Nissan's new Almera: 5,594 were onboard the hijacked ship

US troop presence in Japan goes on trial in rape case

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

silence," explains Sergeant Rogelio Roman to a squad of in-coming Marines beneath a large red sign reading -Welcome to Okinawa"

"Over here, you don't have that right. You don't have the right to say nothing till your attorney arrives, and if you think you can go out and act just how you like, you gonna get your ass kicked. They'll either get the truth out of you, or they'll get something out of you. You commit a crime out in town, and your ass is on your own."

This is a had time to be a US Marine in Okinawa and yesterday the District Court of Naha, the island's capital, heard the reasons why. Led into court under a tortoise of police riot shields, two Marines and a Navy seaman admitted to various degrees of complicity in the rape of a 12-year-old schoolgid two months ago. The uproar and diplomatic fall-out have been unprecedented. Last month an estimated 85.000 Okinawans rallied to demand the withdrawal of the 16 huge US bases which dominate the southern part of Okinawa. Last week, the Defense Secretary, William Perry, flew to Tokyo to apologise personally for the crime and to head off the calls for a wholesale revision of the US-Japan Security Treaty.

He promised "programmes directed at our younger service "OJ Simpson had the right to that such heinous acts are not repeated". But they were ominously cautious words: as almost everyone in Okinawa acknowledges, there is very little that can be done to prevent something

similar happening again.
Sergeant Rogelio's "Welcome Abourd Briefing" seems to acknowledge this. For all its frankness, it is shockingly practical: Don't get caught, rather than don't do it, is the message. There's always 10 per cent who think they can break the system and do what they want. But a 12-year-old! What did they get out of that?" asks the sergeant. "It's not even worth it - especially when there's so many women want American men. If you're about to commit a crime, just think about it first."

The officers, understandably enough, use a different set of statistics, "Ninety-nine per cent of soldiers on this island are professional, competent, upstanding citizens," says Colonel Stuart Wagner of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force. "But there's only so much you can

Alcohol is no longer sold on base (although it can be freely bought in town, where the real damage is done). A big area of bars and nightclubs has been placed off-limits after midnight (to the fury of local businessmen whose livelihood depends on a

steady supply of drunk, girl-hun-gry Marines). Most ludierous of all was a much-vaunted "Day of Reflection" during which training was to be suspended to "re-new our core values of honour, duty and commitment". The Japanese media were not allowed in to see this, but when they pointed their cameras over the fences, they recorded ser-vicemen marching and flying he-

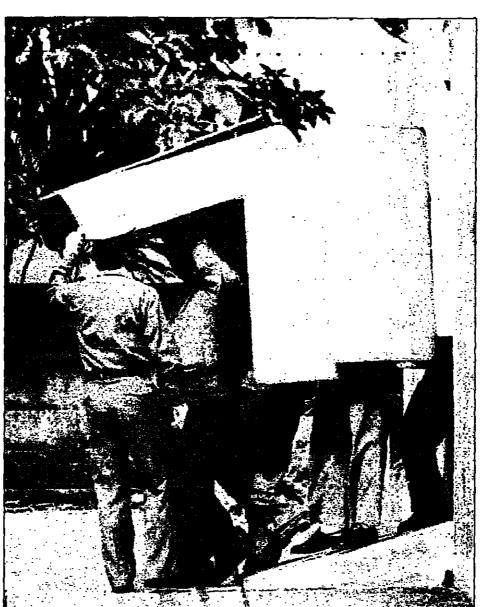
licopters in an embarrassingly

unreflective manner. The crucial difficulty is the concentration of forces: 47,000 troops on an island little more than 1,000 square kilometres in area. Militarily, this is an advantage — in time of interna-tional crisis, rapid deployment would be greatly eased by "unit integrity". But sociologically it is a disaster. "Imagine a small city of 47,000 people," said Mr Perry last week.

"Imagine asking that city to be crime-free, and you understand the problem.

Crime by servicemen is on a downward trend, as Colonel Wagner points out, although rather an unspectacular one: there were six rapes in 1994, compared to seven in 1989. To Okinawans, though, that is hardly the point: if the military weren't here, there would be no

military crime whatsoever. "The Japanese army was the same during the war - armies are the same everywhere," says Teruko Kuwae, of the women's section of Okinawa City. "



Shielded: Police form a 'tortoise' to hide the three US servicemen accused of rape as they leave a detention centre to appear in court in Naha, Okinawa's capital

Juppé in 'new start' shuffle

MARY DEJEVSKY

The French Prime Minister. Alain Juppé, announced a ma-jor reshuffle of his government last night, less than six months after taking office. One-third of his ministers were replaced. mainly in areas of social and budgetary policy, where there had been open disagreement; portfolios were regrouped to reduce overlapping; and the over-all size of the Cabinet was reduced by a quarter.

Mr Juppé's office said that the reshuffle was intended to make the government more "united" and "effective".

Mr Juppé submitted his resignation and that of his government to President Jacques Chirac yesterday morning. He was immediately reappointed and asked to form a new government. By the end of the day all the most senior ministers economy, justice, interior, foreign affairs and defence - had been reappointed, with the changes concentrated in the troublesome areas of health, so-

cial policy and the budget. Mr Juppe's decision to submit his resignation rather than simply announce a reshuffle allowed him to receive a renewed pledge of confidence from President Chirac, and to give the impression of a new beginning. Polls released yesterday showed the government with an approval rating of only 34 per cent, after declining steadily over the summer.

The main winner yesterday was Jacques Barrot, who takes over a reconstituted super-min-

istry responsible for health, social affairs and his previous portfolio of employment. Mr Juppé had experimented with dispersing the various departments among separate ministries, but has now reverted to the formula preferred by his

predecessors. Several supporters of the former prime minister. Edouard Balladur, have also been brought back, including Alain Lamassoure - Mr Balladur's Europe minister - who be-comes budget minister and goverament spokesman. Over the past month a group of Balladurist MPs has been making life difficult for the government, especially in budget debates, where they forced through several amendments and blocked abolition of tax relief on life-insurance policies.

Among the main losers were the women ministers, who had come under increasing attack for "lack of experience" and a tendency to step out of line Elisabeth Hubert, the health minister, had blotted her copybook by announcing a steep increase in "hotel" charges for hospital stays before discus-sion of social security changes was complete. Fewer than half the original 12 women ministers remain in the government.

Yesterday's reshuffle came 10 days after President Chirac had said that his "absolute priority" was reducing the budget deficit His statement was widely seen as a U-turn intended to preserve the value of the franc and convince the Germans that France was on course to join a single European currency by 1999.

Nato and Russia close to deal over peace force in Bosnia

SARAH HELM

Russia and Nato are hoping to announce today a breakthrough that would allow Russian troops to join the Bosnia peace implementation force.

Last-minute negotiations were still under way last night. but expectations were high that William Perry, the US Defense Secretary, and Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, would be able to announce an agreement after a meeting at Nato headquarters here today. Although the Russians are

being asked to accept less than joint command, Moscow now appears ready to compromise.

The Russians are very keen

to have a role in the peace enforcement force because they believe it will work," a Russian

Moscow's demand for joint command and control, is expected to lay out a formula under which Russian generals have a place in the command structure but do not share overall control. The deal envisages giving the Russians more than a logistical role. Instead, it is expected to be confirmed that the Russians will send part of an

airborne division. A Russian general would probably be based at Nato headquarters in Brussels but would not have any control over rules of engagement. The Russians would not operate under a Nato flag, although it is unclear what their emblem would be. One option would be for them to fly a UN flag.

There has been strong concern in Moscow that by partic-

Nato, which has refused Russian military might compromise its future relationship with Nato. The Russians "want to retain the ability to present Nato at home as a military threat," the analyst said.

However, Moscow has nov recognised that to remain out side a successful Bosnian peace operation would be humiliating and accepts that joint command and control would be vetoed by the US congress.

Nato ambassadors, mean while, failed to break the deadlock over candidates for the alliance's top job and adjourned their meeting until Friday. Washington is said to be re-

fusing to accept the former Dutch prime minister, Ruud Lubbers, while only Denmark. iceland and Norway among European Nato members back the former Danish foreign min-

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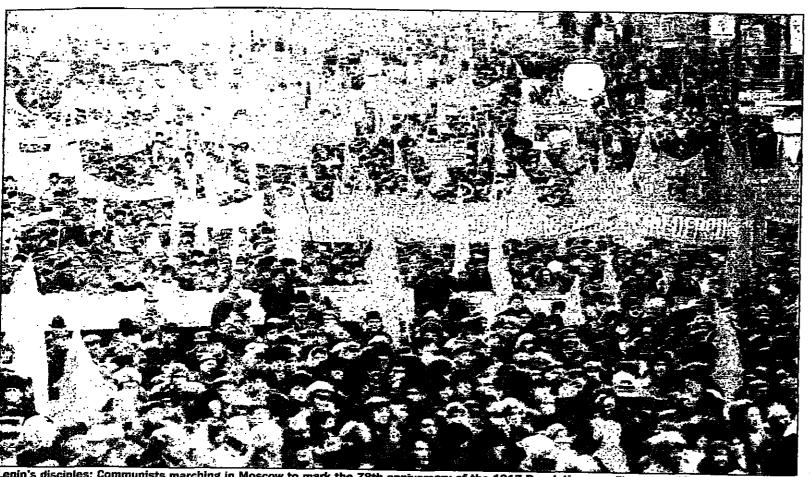
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ANNE'S FALLEN IN THE PLAYBROUND. SHE'LL BE OK.

ALTHOUGH SHE NEEDS TO BE COLLECTED.

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Red flags fly as Bolsheviks' heirs honour revolution

PHIL REEVES /loscow

Take a giant skittle, put it in a blue peaked hat and a greatcoat and place it under the statue of Karl Marx opposite the Bolshoi Theatre on a freezing winter's morning in the middle of Moscow. Draw in a strip of grey hair, eyes and a clutch of shoulder pips, and there would stand Colonel Valyerin Borisovitch

Stepanov.
Beyond him in the square were about 5,000 others, a fraction of the number who spent yesterday's holiday at Communist-organised rallies, ostensibly to mark the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution but really to listen to contemporary arguments about what to do about the evils of the free market, the mafia, poverty, crime and the West.

they used to be, the colonel lamented, as he looked at the crowd of mostly elderly people who had weathered the terrors of Stalinism but who had forgotten, or never knew, how bad they were. The occasional portrait of Josef Vissarionovich bobbed around amid the bright red flags.

The trouble was that all the good party workers were sent to the front during the Great Pa-triotic War, leaving dregs. drunks and no-hopers behind. he moaned. Yet he felt Gennady Zyuganov, head of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, who stood a few yards way, was a "good man".

Strange this, from someone who appears to be a military hardliner, that breed of Communist which has never accepted perestroika, or what followed. Did he not mind that Mr Zyuganov, whose party leads the opinion polls for next month's parliamentary elections and who is seen as a presidential candidate, calls himself a progressive and hob-nobs with Western businessmen and politicians? "What's wrong with that? Stalin sat down with Churchill and Roosevelt, didn't

Mr Zyuganov himself toed his usual pragmatic line. "It's wonderful to see the open, honest faces of people who have never betrayed the highest ideals of goodness and jus-tice, the red flag ... and the best ideals of Communism," he said in his monotonic baritone.

Above the crowd's steamy breath flashed a giant elec-tronic board - another re-minder of how changed Russia is. It carried an advertisement from a rival party, the centrist Our Home Is Russia

As his speech closed, there were cheers. But not from everyone. Russia's Communists have their internal rivalries. "Zvuganov is just afraid of the international imperialists and the forces of capitalism," Viktor Ampilov, head of the Russian Communist Workers' Party. said afterwards, "He believes there is a middle way. But we believe there should be no compromise in the struggle against exploitation.

There was probably loudest applause for Bill Davis, of the Workers' World Party's New York branch, who called for the Soviet Union to "rise again". The colonel and the other military men beneath the statue of



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Be grateful for the official welcome, buddy

It wasn't until right at the very end of a trip to Montreal a couple of weeks ago that I came across the first plausible argument in favour of independence for Quebec, Canada, discovered, is a colony of the United States. After I had checked in at

Montreal Airport for my flight home to Washington I had to go through immigration control. I unsuspectingly handed over my passport to a uniformed woman behind a high white desk. I had 20 minutes before the departure my flight, so I was not undu concerned - if a little surprised at the time she was taking to establish my bona fides.

This was the Commonwealth after all and my short Canadian visit had provided a civil. easygoing respite from the harshness of the United States.

"There's something wrong here," the woman said. Before I could remonstrate she ordered me to step into a glass-enclosed sin-bin where "a supervisor" would submit my credentials to further examination. I would have said: "But what's the problem? I'm leaving your country, not entering it, and anyway, I'm British, dammit, and we allow you people to carry the picture of the Queen on your currency." Or words to that effect,

But then I realised my mistake. The woman was wearing a "US Immigration and Naturalization Service" badge on her white shirt. She was American! The Canadians had stooped to the indignity of allowing an outpost of the most loathsome species in US officialdom to be established on their own sacred soil. "Vive le Québec libre!" muttered under my breath,

Americans have their own views as to which branch of the federal government is most deserving of contempt. Some say it is the FBI; others the CIA; others the income-tax collectors. But I, as a foreigner, have long viewed immigration officials with special distaste.

Years of ungracious encounters have taught me to view them as humourless robots programmed to judge you guilty until proven innocent, to convey a sense that it is a colossal privilege to be allowed into the country they patrol. Anyway, there I was, waiting for a man with metallic forearms

to complete his interrogation of a French-speaking Canadian who had a return ticket home but no visa. My plane was leaving in 10 minutes. The officer turned to minutes. The officer turned to me, hands on hips, and barked: "Sir. will you sit down?" I glanced at a row of plastic seats. "Look, I have a plane to catch... ""Sit down!" "I don't want to sit down." "Look, if you don't sit down this minute I'm conna call down this minute I'm gonna call the RCMP!" Which meant the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I sat down, reflecting that the Canadians had retained some semblance of national pride after all and that, perhaps, this was not the time to be standing up for my rights. My plane was

beckoned me over, glanced at my visa and discovered there was nothing wrong with it. Re-luctantly, he handed back my passport. I ran down an interminable corridor to my plane only to discover it had been de-

layed by halt an hour. Which was a relief but did nothing to deter me from building up a volcanic head of resentment as I stood at yet another immigration queue, in Miami airport, last weekend. Again I had a flight to make, a

When my turn eventually came I slapped my passport down on the desk opened a magazine and started reading it. These people crave respect. Well, they weren't going to get it from me. After a while I glanced up and noticed that the officer was shaking her head. "This is weird, really weird", she said. "What d'you mean? This is a perfectly legitimate visa stamped on my passport by your own government!" "This is weird, weird," she intoned. Then she pressed a button and a red

light came on over her head. A male robot from an adoining booth stepped into the fray. "Look, buddy," he spat. "We can keep you here all night if you like." "Look, buddy," I spat back. "I pay your salary. I'm a non-voting American tax-payer and I've got

plane to catch. He was enraged. He wanted to hit me. These people think they're gods. Well, as far as I'm concerned they're civil servants and all I want is civil service. told him as much. He looked at my visa. "It's OK," he mumbled. "Let him through." I snatched my passport and stormed off with a "Jesus Christ!" He ran after me. This time I really thought he was going to hit me. I stared him down, turned and walked away,

savouring my victory.

A petty victory, I reflected on the flight to Washington. I had heen rude and I felt bad. If you're reading this, buddies, I'm sorry. You were only doing your job. It's not your fault if human kindness is not on the curriculum at the INS training course. But, as you Americans say. I was mad as hell and I just couldn't take it any more.

John Carlin



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Auckland braced for anti-Major protests

STEVE CRAWSHAW

Things are so well organised here in the run-up to this week's Commonwealth conference that even the demonstrators have been holding rehearsals. In advance of expected clashes with police this week, a core group of protesters has been practising how to resist arrest.

Officially, everything is perfect. The city of Auckland welcomes delegates to the Commonwealth Heads of Goverrament Meeting say banners er countries may look to South stretched across the streets.

The biennial Commonwealth conference (abbreviated to Chogm) begins officially on Friday and the authorities are determined to ensure everything goes smoothly.

This is the biggest international political conference New Zealand has held. Forty of the 52 Commonwealth leaders will be here. The Queen arrived last week and arrived in the city yesterday. John Major, Nelson Mandela and the Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien, will also have an official bilateral programme, as part of

For Mr Major, tomorrow's meeting with the host, Jim Bolger, will be less relaxed than it would normally be. Britain is the target of anger over its perceived softness on France regarding nuclear testing - a sensitive issue in the region.

A rally has been called for tomorrow under the rallying-cry "Major Outrage" in Queen Elizabeth Square. Demonstrations are likely to continue dur-

ing the conference. Inside the conference hall, Nigeria will be the main target because of the death sentence ssed last week on the writer trumped-up charges. His son,

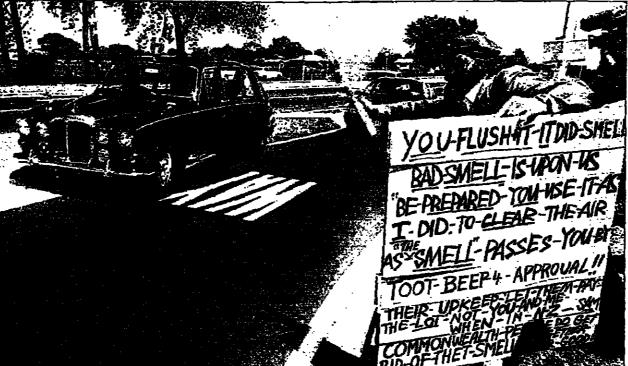


the entire conference. President Mandela, attending his first Commonwealth conference, is likely to be the hero of the hour. He is due to speak at the opening session and oth-Africa for moral leadership of

the Commonwealth itself. Although parts of the city will be closed off during the conference, many Aucklanders seem pleased, despite the inconveniences, that the summit is being held here. "It's nice that people are looking at us, from all over the world," one said.

But there are dissenting voices. The New Zealand Herald complained about the arrangements. "Commonwealth heads evidently cannot be safely conveyed a few blocks in normal traffic," it said. "Inner-city streets will be cleared, supposedly for security, but more than likely so that the guests may be driven in the grandeur they have come to expect. It may be the Chogm style. But it is not the New Zealand way."

After the plenary sessions the leaders will head off for a "retreat" to hammer out the communiqué. Nigeria's abuses of human rights must be addressed Sanctions seem unlikely, as the Commonwealth prefers persuasion to threats, but the course of action will be influenced by what Nigeria says in the next few days. The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku (himselfa Nigerian) Ken Saro-Wiwa, apparently on has made it clear he wishes the conference to send a tough mes-



Air to the throne: Anti-royalist protester Sam Bracanov in Auckland spraying the car of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh with air freshener, because he says they stink

Dole campaign given a vital fillip

RUPERT CORNWELL

Senator Bob Dole has strengthened his position against a possible challenge from retired general Colin Powell by winning the backing of Governor Stephen Merrill of New Hampshire, where the first primary of the 1996 election will be held in just over three months.

Governor Merrill's move, which he may announce today, is another sign that Gen Pow-ell may find the Republican nomination next year is no pushover. Although the general is ahead of Mr Dole in the Gen Powell to put something to-

polls in New Hampshire, aliened against him now is the state's young and highly popular Republican Governor, whose endorsement - and organisational clout - has been sought by every candidate.

Gen Powell is due to reveal in the next fortnight if he will run. No one knows which way he will jump but on one point there is universal agreement: for him to win the nomination, victory in New Hampshire is all but essential. "This is an effort by Dole to scare Powell out of

the Dole campaign.

Mr Merrill's support for Mr Dole, who holds a commanding lead in the field of declared Republicans, will strengthen doubts about Gen Powell on the party's conservative wing. The Governor had seemed keen on him but this week criticised the liberal leanings of many Powell supporters: "I would have a lot more trouble supporting him than I originally thought.

The endorsement will be a much-needed fillip for Mr

gether" in the state, said Vin
Weber, a national chairman of
undermined by growing doubts undermined by growing doubts about his age. Were he to win the White House, the senator would be 73 on taking office.

Meanwhile, elections were taking place in 15 states yesterday. The most closely watched were in Virginia, where Republicans were trying to win outright control of a Southern state's legislature for the first time since Reconstruction. Kentucky could also elect its first Republican governor in 30 years. Either outcome would confirm that the Republican

IN BRIEF

Walesa lags by 2 points

Warsaw - The ex-Communist leader Aleksander Kwasniewski was ahead of the incumbent, Lech Walesa, by 2 percentage points in Sunday's first round of presidential voting, according to official election results. Kwasnicwski, the 41-year-old former Communist sports minister, received 35.11 per cent of the vote on Sunday, Mr Walesa, the 52-year-old former shipyard electrician, and Solidarity leader, won 33.11 per cent.

Youths seek political asylum

Jakarta — Eight East-Timorese youths sought political asylum in the Dutch embassy in Jakarta yesterday, the second such group to seek refuge in a European mission in as many months, according to embassy officials. "They just ran through the gate," a spokesman said. "We could not stop them."

Soldier kills 14 before committing suicide

Kigali - A Rwandan government soldier shot dead 14 people and wounded 19 before turning his gun on himself in south-western Rwanda. State radio said the soldier opened fire on a mob which was angry that he had stabbed to death a local resident in a bar-

Assassination attempt suspect arrested

Harare - Zimbahwean police said yesterday they had arrested a second man in connection with an alleged assassination attempt on the exiled former Ethiopian dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam last weekend. A police spokesman said the man, an Ethiopian, was arrested on Saturday morning at a city flat.

S Korea business chiefs face questioning

Seoul — South Korean state prosecutors have summoned for questioning the heads of the country's five top business conglomerates over ex-president Roh Tae-woo's slush funds, state radio said. The chiefs of Hyundai, Samsung, LG, Daewoo and Sunkyong have been ordered to appear today.

Slavery, torture and rape rise in Sudan

New York - Slavery, abductions, torture and rape, mainly by government security forces, have increased in Sudan despite international protests, according to a UN report. Gaspar Biro, the UN special rapporteur for human rights for Sudan, said there had been an alarming increase in the number of reported cases of "slavery, servitude and forced labour". Reuter

Briton awaits verdict on murder charge

Singapore — John Martin, also known as John Martin Scripps, a 35-year-old Briton on trial for the murder and dismemberment of a South African tourist, will hear the court's verdict on Friday. If convicted, he will become the first Westerner to be hanged for a non-drugs offence in Singapore, where the death penalty is mandatory for murder.

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Youths die in palace blaze

Antananarivo — Four Malagasy youths were killed trying to save antiquities from a blaze that gutted a royal palace in Madagas-car. The palace, which once belonged to the last queen of the island, was destroyed in the fire on Monday.

Peking set to water down HK's Bill of Rights

STEPHEN VINES

Hong Kong

China is proposing to reintroduce to Hong Kong some of the more draconian colonial laws which were abandoned after the introduction of a Bill of Rights in the colony four years ago. The move has united political opinion in the colony to an

sub-group of China's Preliminary Working Committee (PWC), the advisory body to the Chinese government on Hong Kong's change of sovereignty in 1997, concluded that it would stick by its controversial proposals to water down the Bill of Rights and bring back laws which limit civil rights.

The advisers originally pro

usual step of dispatching three legal experts to Hong Kong to

explain the policy.

At one meeting the three harangued an audience of government advisers from district councils for two-and-a-half hours. No one in the audience was allowed to speak.

Sources say that the real reason for China's refusal to listen posals from the PWC were endorsed by the "Hong Kong as "outside interference".

Committee", a body whose existence is not publicly acknowledged, although it is headed by China's President Jiang Zemin and includes the Prime Minister, Li Peng, and Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, as well as the two

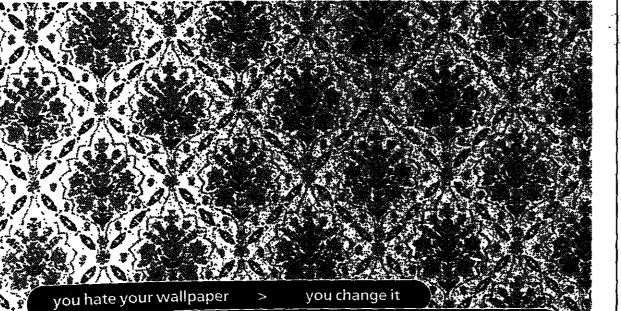
sible for Hong Kong affairs. It is difficult to reverse decisions taken at this level. An attempt last week in Peking was dismissed

changes to the Bill of Rights would contravene the 1984 Sino-British agreement. Opposition to the proposals is mounting and is likely to be well aired next week, when Hong senior officials directly respon-Kong's Legislative Council holds an emergency debate.

Under the proposals the Bill of Rights will lose its predomi-

ing powers to censor television and banning groups from associating with overseas political organisations. It would bring back a law requiring groups of more than 30 to apply for permission before holding public gatherings.

Behind this is a real fear of loosing control in the colony. "The leaders are really worth



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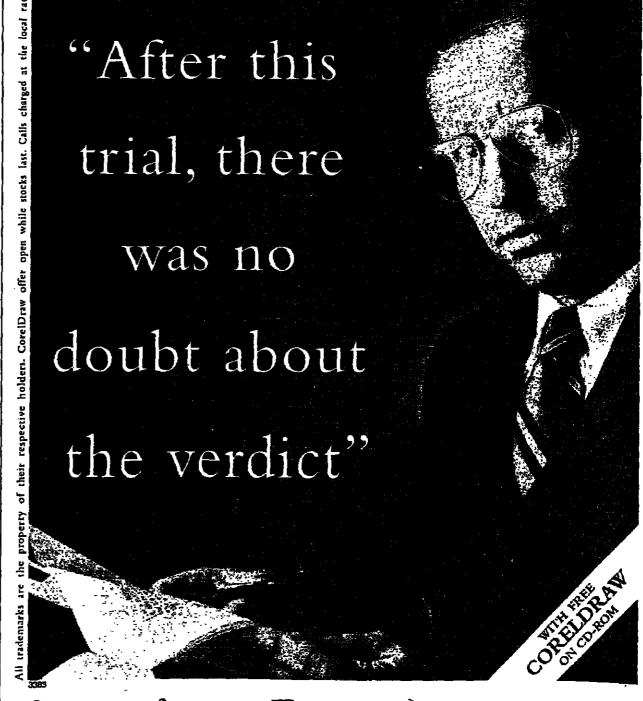
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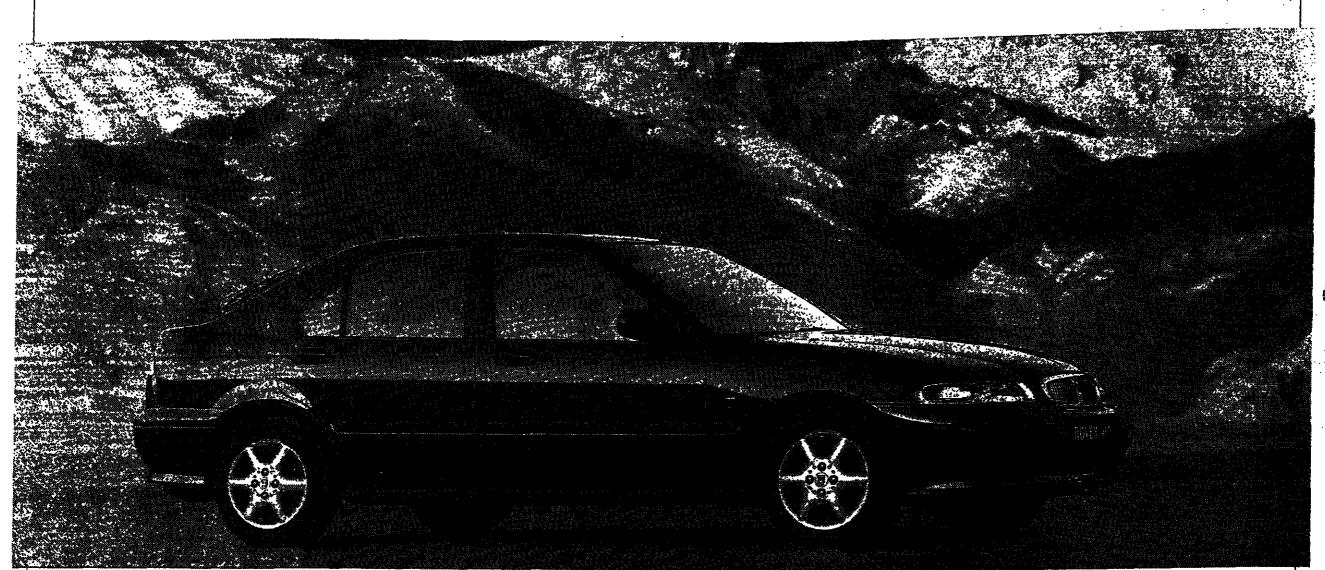
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Yesterday's Ordtech court case casts new light on how government operates as a law unto itself, writes Paul Vallely

Dark world of Britain's secret foreign policy

You could be forgiven for a foreign policy culture in turning the page. So now which the truth was not told. the hitherto unimpeachable Douglas Hurd has been fingered in the latest round of the impenetrable and seemingly unending Arms-to-Iraq scandal. And we have a new bitpart player - Paul Grecian, managing director of arms suppliers Ordtech, who managed to spy simultaneously for MI5. M16 and Special Branch - to add to the dramatis personae of this tortuous epic.

Yet what does it signify? Deceit and double-dealing is the stock-in-trade of the world of diplomacy and the other dark arts of foreign policy. Who cares, beyond the coterie of politicians involved and the obsessive little group of investigative journalists who pursue

But wait. There is more to all this than an accumulation of the kind of details we might normally find only in the middle pages of a John Le Carré novel. Yesterday's court case tells us something rather revealing about the way we have been governed for the It casts light on how White-

hall operates as a dark and secret place whose inhabitants respectable to lie know well how to hide the thimble when they need to. It shows how power corrupts by confusing the interests of the party in government with those of the nation itself. It shows how the Cold War undermined the primacy of truth and made it respectable to lie in government.

War between Iran and Iraq began in 1980 and continued until 1988. In its midst, in 1985, Parliament agreed to abide by a UN resolution which imposed an arms embargo on both sides. But on 21 December 1988, four months after the two nations agreed a cease-fire, the Government, at a meeting between Trefgarne, the Trade Minister exports to Iraq. They asked for Alan Clark, DTI and the Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave decided that the export guidelines could be relaxed. The decision may have been for sound strategic reasons and in the national interest. But they decided not to tell Parliament.

The wall had not yet fallen in Berlin. Western governments were still immersed in three others were found guilty.

The Cold War ethos relegated truth in favour of strategic advantage. A culture of mendacity was created. Before long it went beyond its mili-tary purpose and spread insidiously through the whole sysof government, was all too clearly to emerge

- to obscure the truth for

their own reasons.

With the nod from the Government, British firms began supplying the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. The Sheffield firm Matrix Churchill shipped out parts for Saddam's intercontinental super-gun. The arms firm Astra through a subsidiary supplied the propel-lant for the gun. Ordnance Technologies Ltd (Ordtech)

It shows how the Cold War undermined the primacy of truth and made it

in government

sold, via Jordan, shell fuses to the Iraqi dictator. None of this might ever

have been known had it not been for an independent investigation by HM Customs Excise which, during the Gulf War, was alerted to earlier breaches of the embargo against the nation that was now the national enemy.

In February 1992, a case was brought at Reading Crown Court against four men working with Ordtech. The defendants claimed that the Govgovernment documents to be produced to prove their case. But "public interest immunity certificates" declaring that the material was too sensitive for the courtroom were signed by Kenneth Baker, then Home Secretary, and Peter Lilley, then Trade and Industry Secretary. Ordtech's managing director, Paul Grecian, and

Were the immunity certifi cates signed to protect the national interest? Or were they to protect Tory ministers from

issue that Sir Richard Scott's

report into the Arms-for-Iraq affair, which is due out soon,

will certainly address. That power corrupts is now a truism. But it does not just apply to the dictators of Africa. It applies to the elective dictatorship which has taken root in Britain since the war whereby governments exercise power largely unchecked by

Four uninterrupted terms

Parliament.

of Conservative government have made it easy for ministers to think of their own party interests as synonymous with the interests of the nation. Arrogance has crept in. They have begun to assume, not only that they cannot be wrong, but that the motives of those who criticise them are to be mistrusted. It was an attitude not restricted to those outside the party - even within those who raised questions were marked down as not

The Ordtech Four were convicted in February 1992. But later that year, in November, a similar case against the Matrix Churchill businessmen collapsed when the judge objected to the use of the immunity device. The next day the Government set up the Scott inquiry into the affair. As it began on its mammoth task - which eventually involved seeing 200 witnesses in 430 hours of evidence supported by 200,000 pages of documents - Ordtech decided to appeal.

One of the most revealing moments in the Scott process was when the former Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe decided to launch a blistering attack on it, condemning the eminent judge at its head of advocate and judge"

His attempt at a pre-emptive strike was only the first of an increasing number of attacks on judges by leading Tory politicians. The phenomenon prompted some quizzical comments yesterday by Lord Alexander, the former chairman of the Bar Council. He expressed concern at the recent attack on Lord Justice Taylor when he questioned the

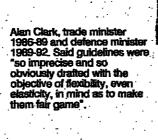
What they said ...

Geoffrey Howe, suthor of original guidelines announced to Parliament in 1985. They banned the supply to fran and lag of arms and equipment that could lengthen the war. Restrictions relaxed after 1988 ceasefire, allowing exports which did not enhance offensive capability. Change kept secret to avoid outcry after gassing of Kurds by Iraq.

John Maior, Said he knew nothing about operation of guidelines when Chief ecretary to the Treasury (1987-89), Foreign Secretary (1989), Chancellor (1989-90)

Margaret Thatcher, Prime er until 1990. Told Scott inquiry she knew nothing about how guidelines operated. Only "the big

William Waldegrave, Foreign Office minister 1988-90. Told Scott inquiry that guidelines were not changed.



Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary 1989-95. Told Scott Inquiry there was no evidence of ministers indulging "In some secret and wicked and wrong conspiracy". Disclaimed responsibility for actions of subordinate definition, ministers are not going to reach down [for information] because they do not know what there is to

Source: Truth is a Difficult Concept, toskile the Scott Inquiry, by Richard Norton-Teylor.

efficacy of Michael Howard's before: to whisper, or more, Tory conference suggestion that parole be scrapped. Lord Alexander also questioned the attempts by government ministers "to ask the public, which has not heard the facts of a case, to write commenting on judicial decisions; to point out that a particular judge has had judgments reversed on appeal

against Nolan or Scott for carrying out their judicial The tendency to perceive

judges as not "one of us" has continued. That Tories - from Howe with Scott, to Major this week with Nolan - have turned negative on judges is immunity certificates were also an increasing reflection of issued by the then Foreign

the truth of Lord Acton's famous dictum about power. Such is the attitude of the powerful to those who try to exercise checks upon their authority.

The process continues. When the Ordtech case came able to the defendants and to the Court of Appeal new overturned the original decision. The men's convictions

Secretary, Douglas Hurd, and the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. But the appeal court judges, led by Lord Justice Taylor, yesterday ruled that the documents concerned should have been made avail-

were yesterday quashed.

It is not over vet. Sir Richard Scott is now writing and his report is expected to be published in the new year. The House of Commons has a select committee investigating allegations of arms to Iran. There is also a Customs & Excise inquiry into that

Given the history of endemic secrecy that has surrounded government and the making of foreign policy throughout the Cold War, one has to ask the questions: why has it all come out? Why were allowed? Why did not ministers lean on someone high up in HM Customs and tell them to drop their original investigations?

"I was never able to find out anything which gave even a hint of why that was not done," heart of government policy in

this area yesterday. Ironically, the answer may lie in the instincts of the administration which succeeded that of Mrs Thatcher to row back on some of the excesses of her regime. As Simon Jenkins has chronicled in impressive detail in his recent book, Accountable To None, the Thatcher years contrary to all their rhetoric about getting power back to the people - saw a great increase in the process of government centralisation under the banner of centralising authority over spending. Its extent was dramatic - in local authorities, housing, schools and universities, the police and legal systems. The quango culture spawned. It was John Major who -

apparently sharing the view that Mrs Thatcher had become overmighty - appointed a minister for open government, established the Citizen's Charter and accelerated the demystification of the secret services De Tocqueville pointed out, it is when the lid comes off that the explosions occur.

All round them the Tories now see that their system is falling apart. Time after time they make desperate attempts to grab and save a bit. "Where will it end? Where will it end?" asked Conservative backbenchers plaintively during this week's Nolan debate. Where

Jerusalem Diary

TOM SAWICKI

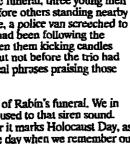
We did not want the morning to come. Hundreds of thousands of us waited for hours for a chance to take one last look at the simple wooden casket wrapped in an Israeli flag which lay in state in Jerusalem on the plaza in front of the Knesset, Israel's parliament. We wished time would stop so we would not have to knesset, that I have a seek him buried, and with him our hopes and dreams. Het go of Yitzhak Rabin and see him buried, and with him our hopes and dreams. The sidewalks by the prime minister's official residence in central Jerusalem. are covered with wax from thousands of memorial candles placed there by the

Israelis holding personal vigils. Large pools of candle wax also covered the pavements along the route to Mount Herzl, Israel's national cemetery. At one spot a girl, aged no more than 10, collected pebbles to create her own memorial, the name Rabin spelt out with little stones.

Jerusalem does not let you forget that it is a city of strong, uncompromising and clashing emotions. At one spot on the main Jaffa Road, crowds placed still more candles. In the early morning of the day of the funeral, three young men suddenly appeared and kicked the candles aside before others standing nearby screamed and jumped at them. Luckily for the three, a police van screeched to halt a moment later. The policemen, it transpired, had been following the youths after a complaint from someone who had seen them kicking candles clsewhere. The police took them away in the van, but not before the trio had dropped on the street a bunch of leaflets with biblical phrases praising those who kill the "enemies of Israel".

On the day of the funeral we go back to work. I pass hand-painted signs with Rabin's name and a sentence from the Kaddish, the memorial prayer, "He who makes peace in heaven", and yet more candles. Small groups of people gather around holding transistor radios which broadcast non-stop the events of the day. A religious man in black garb, standing on a corner, is holding up a small sign with the words: "I am ashamed". "Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not kill," he repeats over and over again. "I am ashamed because a religious man killed Rahin," he explains when I question him. Then omething out of the ordinary happens. A street sweeper, who has been working nearby, goes up to the man, grabs at his hand, and kisses it. The sweeper is an Arab and he says something in Arabic, which I do not understand. He switches to a broken Hebrew and explains: "We also believe that it is wrong to murder."

Shortly before 2pm, I go out into une street. We know that, at two carety, a siren will sound to mark the



beginning of Rabin's funeral. We in Israel are used to that siren sound. Every year it marks Holocaust Day, as well as the day when we remember our fallen soldiers. Traffic stops then, people stand to attention. I want to be out in the street, not inside. A tourist stops me and asks where he can get something to eat. Most restaurants are closed today, so I direct him to a small grocery store. "But wait," I say, "the siren will start any second." He is

organisational nightmare on the day of the funeral was faced by Jerusalem's King David Hotel, the city's best, and the only place for visiting dignitaries. Luckily, most heads of state did not want to sleep overnight, but all needed a place to wash, eat and change, and the hotel coped masterfully. A list was drawn up to work out who would get the best rooms, with royalty at the top, followed by presidents in order of precedence according to the size of

John Major caused the hotel's chefs a problem when it turned out that the list of his favourite foods they had been given was out of date, superseded by healthier fare. The contents of either pre- or post-diet list remain private - "good, hearty, traditional

confused but before I can explain, the wail begins - a long, piercing sound

that lasts for two minutes. The tourist

Everything has stopped, no one moves, cars halt in the middle of the street,

drivers get out and stand to attention.

That night we go up to Mount Herzl

our children, to help them to mourn

the loss. But to tell the truth, we are doing it for ourselves. Thousands of

is fast becoming a place of pilgrin almost impossible to get near.

The worst security and

Israelis have the same idea. The grave

with flowers and candles. We tell ourselves that we are doing this for

looks around and I can see his jaw drop. Moments later he says he has never seen anything like this.



English foods" apparently, though the strictly kosher King David would certainly not have provided bacon and eggs had they been requested.

Many of the statesmen covered their beads at the graveside, and Israelis particularly appreciated those like Prince Charles who came equipped with their own skullcaps. Hosni Mubarak of Egypt was hatless, but quickly borrowed one from an official
which explains why be was sporting blue baseball cap.

Jerusalem is a small town. Walk down any street and you'll run into someone you know. Many public figures walk around with little or no security - though this may now change Everybody is on first-name terms with the mayor - it was Teddy (Kollek) for some 27 years and it's been Ehud (Olmert) for the past two years. But who would have his job? It is a

tradition that the mayor is accessible to one and all - no one would hesitate to ring his house and speak to the mayor himself about any problem from rubbish collection to howling dogs. Call in the evening and you're pretty sure to get the mayor himself. If you have to leave a message he will ring you back promptly.

Jerusalem has known many upheavals - it has been conquered and reconquered at least 40 times in its 3,000-years-plus history. When it expanded past its ancient ramparts in the early 1900s it was lucky that the British were in charge. They declared that only the "Jerusalem stone", a local limestone, should be used to build in the city. The stone was used to build Herod's Jerusalem and the Jerusaiem of the Muslims. But some architects are becoming rebellions. They have suggested a compromise buildings that are half Jerusalem stone and half glass, for instance. But so far the city's naturally conservative residents are resisting. Many feel as I do – the unchanging stone reminds us that people only pass through here, but the city remains constant.

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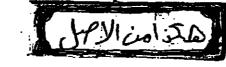
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Publish quickly, Sir Richard

The heart of any government's credibility lies in its commitment to justice.

Yet who, after yesterday's events, can still interest immunity certificates (PIICs) have faith in the honour of this adminis-tration? It is increasingly difficult to dis-pel the suspicion that ministers were prepared to go to any lengths, even perverting the legal system, to save their own skins.

In 1992 the Government allowed four businessmen to be convicted over arms sales to Iraq which had been approved by ministers. For three years, until yesterday, that miscarriage of justice was allowed to stand, though there was documentary evidence, to which the Government was privy, that ministers had condoned the sales.

These revelations are more serious even than those that led to the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial in 1992. In that instance, the defendants were also tried over arms sales to Iraq. But at least that case did not result in convictions: a former minister, Alan Clark, played a key role in destroying the prosecution case when he revealed in court the extent of government knowledge about what had gone on. This time, ministers seem to have

done their best to keep the truth hidden. the late Eighties Britain had a secret foreign policy to allow Saddam Hussein's regime to be supplied with weapons via Jordan. Parliament was not told. As far as MPs were aware, the 1984 guidelines still applied: that neither Iraq nor Iran should be supplied with lethal equipment. The public was not informed that the rules were slightly relaxed in 1988, and in any case were being widely flouted. And during trials of the arms salesmen, doc-

It is not difficult to understand why officials and ministers would be keen to hush up this scandal. If the country involved had been different, governed by any old tinpot dictatorship, perhaps the public would not have cared so much about a breach of guidelines. Most people would have turned a blind eye to the cavalier way in which British foreign policy was for-mulated. But Iraq is different. In 1991 Britain went to war with Saddam Hussein. British servicemen risked their lives against an enemy who was believed to have chemical and biological weapons and was ready to use them. Selling arms to Baghdad was not only duplicitous. It was

also a strategic blunder.
The last time the Foreign Office made a big mistake and Britain ended up at war was over the Falklands. On that occasion, heads rolled: Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, resigned. This time, those who allowed Saddam to arm himself hid behind PIICs and were prepared to let innocent men face conviction and per-

The authoritative account of how we were misled, and how errors and halftruths were covered up, has yet to be published. We still await the report of Sir Richard Scott, whose inquiry was set up three years ago. Only he can now clear up the atmosphere of deceit and subterfuge that has tarnished Britain's legal system and sullied the reputation of govcase were being widely flouted. And ernment. Every month that he delays his when the secret seemed likely to slip out report does further damage. Publish

Who's afraid of Rodney?

You can't say we didn't tell you. Usu-ally only a foolish person would confidently predict the result of a democratic election three years before it is held. Nevertheless, at the end of October 1992 this newspaper said that Rodney Bickerstaffe would become general secretary of Unison, the giant public-sector union, by 1996. And (as Harold Wilson used to say) so it proved. Yesterday it was announced that Mr Bickerstaffe had romped home. getting nearly half the votes in a fourhorse race. Some 22 per cent of the union's membership had voted - not too had by historic standards. So congratula-

But does it matter? It has, after all, become a conventional wisdom that unions ain't what they were. Neutered by Margaret Thatcher's legislation, rendered obsolete by the growing privatisation of the relationship between employer and employee and increasingly marginalised even within the Labour Party, the unions are (according to this view) a busted flush a remnant of an earlier industrial age. So Mr B may cajole or threaten, but he is relatively harmless.

Conventional though this wisdom may be, much of it is sound. Unison, despite declarations about being part of the modern world, has steadfastly opposed each and every government change in the health service. It has frequently been obstructive when local authorities have tried to make their services more consumer-friendly. Within the Labour Party itself, history threatens to pass it by: the union opposed the dumping of Clause IV. In the election for the general secre-

the minimum wage ~ which may well bear fruit after the next election - Mr Bickerstaffe himself has said and done little to engage with the concerns of the consumers of the services his members provide. His attention is turned inwards, to the demands of his activists over pay and jobs; not outwards, to establishing a relationship with the voters. Unlike the TUC's general secretary, John Monks, Mr Bickerstaffe seems relatively unaffected by new thinking. He is a leader of the old school, a product of a declining culture.

This does not mean that he will gradually fade away, however. The next 18 months could well see the election of the first Labour government in 17 years. Such a government will face massive problems in delivering on its priorities while maintaining a staunch anti-inflationary stance. At the very least, it is likely to continue with many of the present government's policies - but if it is to succeed in its own terms, it will need to undertake further reform of the public services. Under these circumstances, a declaration of outright war by the public-sector unions on a government lacking experience and self-confidence could help to derail its programme and destroy its viability.

Unlike 1992, this is not a prediction, for Rodney has it at least partially within his

taryship of this major union, the victor's opponents were two ultra-leftists and an anti-abortionist - testimony to the shallowness of the union's gene pool. Mr Bickerstaffe was, in truth, the best of a pretty poor bunch. Despite his own doughty advocacy of

power to stop it coming true.

ANOTHER VIEW David Jenkins

Problems in need of faces

By training and by temperament I do not approve of organised expressions of outrage. But I have learnt that they are frequently inevitable, often necessary and sometimes powerfully effective. I started this learning when I joined the staff of the World Council of Churches just as the council was launching the Programme to Combat Racism. This brought me in touch with black people from various parts of the world who had stories to tell and cases to argue

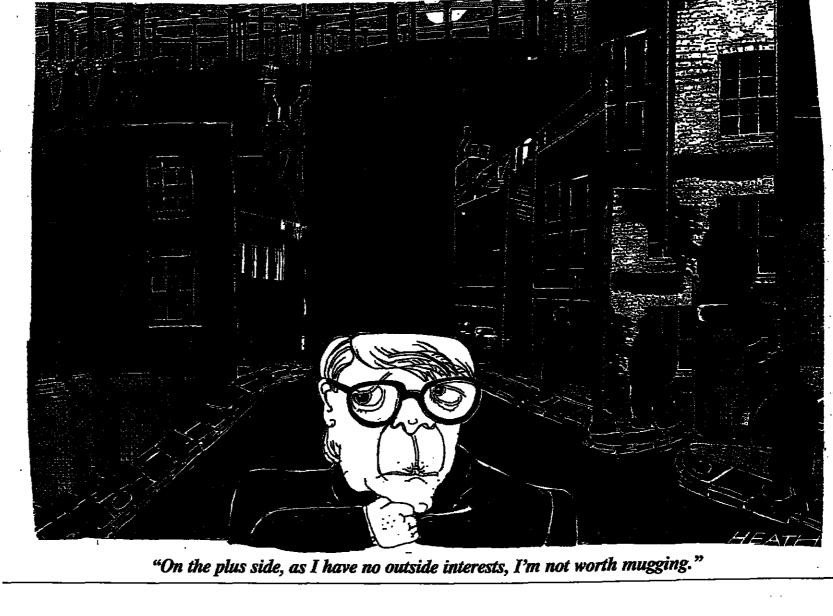
that clearly justified them in being angry. A different encounter that has always remained disturbingly with me was during a meeting on liberation theology, with many Latin Americans present. Performing as the radical but reasonable theologian, I prefaced some remarks I was about to make by saying, "Of course Jesus Christ died for us all." There was an explosion in Spanish, which the interpreter rendered as: "Oh no, he did not. He died for the poor and the oppressed."

I hope this is not a full statement of the truth, but it reminded me sharply of Dean Inge's remark about the "comfortable shudder with which the average middle-class congregation accepts the burden of sin". Comfortable people can be reasonable and wait on negotiations. People with a deep awareness of current put-downs, frustrations and sufferings cannot be expected to be so reasonable. This lesson was reinforced for me by later meetings with redundant miners, hopeless young people and condescended-to seekers of social security payments in the North-east.

Hence when Peter Tatchell at the small Glasgow conference on human sexuality referred to in yesterday's "Diary" gave us his account of the way the Church of England seemed not only to be putting down homosexuals but also to be ignoring them and refusing proferred meetings for discussion, I saw things from his point of view. Naturally, it was different from that of a member of the House of Bishops, which had to negotiate tricky resolutions on sexual matters through General Synod. I believe we all needed reminding that we are dealing with hurt and angry people. not just with difficult problems about both the Bible and human sexuality. Problems, like statistics, need to be

The context of this Glasgow encounter was an attempt to engage both heterosexuals and homosexuals. both Christians and other concerned persons, in a deepening discussion about "rebalancing human sexuality". There is no hope of getting beyond either mili-tant or defensive skirmishing about mat-ters sexual until we escape being dominated by the general and trivialising obsession with sex in a purely genital and sensual sense. We need to reclaim human sexuality for trust, love, stability, sacrifice and support.

The writer was formerly Bishop of Durham.



* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *

Falling foul of film processors and the police | After the death of Rabin

From Mr Michael Taylor Sir. I agree with most of Claire

Rayner's article (Another View, November) about Julia Somerville's persecution, but I see little point in increasing Boots' profits on developing and printing by getting them to process more entirely innocent pictures of naked children. Espe-cially as there would still be a risk of some over-zealous operative going to the police.

A few years ago the manager of our local Boots wanted to refuse to print a lovely, though scarcely erotic, let alone "pornographic", photograph of a beau-tiful woman. After getting the print I had asked for, I have never been near Boots for processing since.

I suggest a more effective form of protest would be for your readers to go somewhere else for their photographic work, first checking that there is no fundamentalist processor at work. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL TAYLOR

Logicalmond, Perthshire 6 November

From Mr R. E. Toogood Sir: For many years I was employed as a medical photographer by a small group of hospitals, including a large psychiatric one. As some of the pictures I was required to pro-

Charities among

Sir. Your article "Lottery admits

charities hit" (4 November) cor-

rectly points out comments I

made during a speech to the

Charities Aid Foundation con-

ference that "the jury was

still out" on the National Lot-

tery's long-term impact on

However, you failed to report

my comments to the effect that

a number of charities have seen

their incomes rise since the intro-

duction of the National Lottery.

UK Charity Lotteries, the largest

operator of scratch cards in the

UK before the National Lottery

arrived, has seen its sales increase

A number of new charity

scratch card operations have been successfully launched. The

Cancer Research Campaign has

seen an increase of 23 per cent in

its income despite the competing

attraction of the National Lottery

for the last five months of that

year. Oxfam has seen an increase of 54 per cent from its donations

An independent report to be

issued later this week shows that

charitable income across a broad

range of charities surveyed rose

2.3 per cent in the period April

to June 1995 compared to the

corresponding period the previ-ous year. Indeed, the charities in

that survey which use lotteries as a form of fund-raising have seen

Crisps or crumble

Sir: The danger to children's

health is even worse than you

report ("School dinners can dam-

age your health", 3 November). The "unhealthy" menu - battered

fish, creamed potato, baked

beans and apple crumble with

custard - seems acceptable com-pared with an unhealthy choice in

From Mr Graham Danc

lottery winners

From Mr David Rigg

charities.

fivefold.

and appeals.

duce bordered on the risqué or even pornographic, from the layman's point of view, and as I was using Kodachrome, in those days considered a purely amateur film, I contacted a friend at ers and police "investigating" Kodak to inquire about handling procedures.

"What do you normally do if you see any funny stuff going through?" I asked.

Well, we have checkers looking out for that sort of thing, and if they see anything doubtful they pull it out. Then we send a letter to the owner telling them that we cannot send these films through the post, as it is illegal; but if they'd like to call in to our office in Kingsway, London, they can pick the films up."

"And does anyone ever call?"

Surely a reasonable and efficient way of dealing with the problem, without offending the innocent. Yours sincerely, R. E. TOOGOOD

Canterbury, Kent 6 November

From Mr George O'Neill Sir: With reference to Stephen King's letter (6 November), let me assure him that the unfortunate Julia Somerville and her partner certainly will be added to

There may well be some char-

Director of Communication

From Mr Malcolm Pirouet

don deserves a high proportion of

National Lottery funds. Mr Con-

ran's article (1 November) cor-

rectly points out that London is

the only city in the UK that can

realistically compete with other

major European centres. How-

ever he fails to note that Lon-

don's status as a "world city" is

not used to the benefit of Britain,

but rather to the benefit of vested

interests based in South-east

the Parisian experience, where the

money spent on "grand projects"

has done little to benefit the 8 mil-

less for the people of France - as evidenced by your newspaper's

coverage of France's social and

the school where I teach: a Mars

bar, six bags of crisps and a can

We have abandoned children's health to balance the books. Par-

ents would (or should) be out-raged if they knew what their chil-

economic problems.

MALCOLM PIROUET

Yours faithfully,

London, N1

3 November

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Yours faithfully,

DAVID RIGG

London, SW1

the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) Paedophile Index. Of the dozens of families who have contacted me with regard to blunders by social workpossible child abuse, not one has received a word or letter of apology, certainly from the police. The attitude of both services is: you pick up the pieces, we can do

Being a father who has gone through this, believe me. Mr King's assumption is correct. Yours faithfully. GEORGE O'NETLL

6 November

From Mr Robin Ollington Sir: Apropos the reports linking Julia Somerville and child pornography ("ITN newsreader in photographs row back on air", 6 November) and Claire Rayner's (Another View, 6 November), one wonders how Boots would have reacted a century or so ago had it been asked to frame some of the canvasses by Victorian painters depicting children, or indeed to process the plates banded in by Lewis Carroll. Yours faithfully,

ROBIN OLLINGTON London, SW1

their income from that source | Don't mix politics and asylum

ities that have clearly been losing From Dr G. W. Stadler out, but it is by no means a one-Sir: You report ("Islamic exiles flocking to safe haven in London' ", 4 November) that the governments of France and Algeria claim that Islamic extremists, who have obtained political asylum in Britain, are using London as a base for plotting the over-throw and assassination of their Sir: Michael Paraskos and David opponents abroad. They can do Flavell (Letters, 3 November) this because UK asylum law does rightly argue that Terence Connot proscribe political activity. provided it does not break British ran is incorrect in claiming Lon-

> in Britain are undermining the Saudi state. The actions of these Islamists are directed against relatively pro-Western governments, such as those of Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and against relatively pro-Western politicians, intellectuals and journalists

within these countries.

law. I recall that Saudi Arabia has

also claimed that Islamists living

How can it be in Britain's Channelling National Lottery funds into London risks repeating onger-term interests to allow this situation to continue? Given the Government's readiness to amend the asylum laws, why does it not change the law to proscribe politlion inhabitants of Paris, and even ical activity on the part of political refugees, as other countries do? It is unclear what the Government hopes to achieve by allowing the status quo to continue. If it does not change the asylum laws in this regard, it should state what its policy objectives are in keeping the law unchanged, and be prepared to justify these objec-tives publicly. Yours faithfully,

G. W. STADLER Ponteland, Northumberland 5 November

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From Mr Lu Ayv Minwer

Sir: It is ironic that I, a Jordanian Arab who, like Yigal Amir, is also a law student, write to condemn strongly his assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Instead of preparing to kill his own prime minister, the Israeli assassin should have been spending serious thought on how to build constructively upon a just and dignified framework.

underlined the deep divisions engulfing the Middle East on the issue of peace. It has also highlighted the very considerable risks regional leaders have chosen to undertake. However, whether they like it or not, Israelis and Arabs are now united by a new mutual bond; the future of the region.

Yet Arabs and Israelis are also challenged by a mutual threat: religious extremism. Israelis and Arabs are surrounded by seas in sensitive thoughts on prurience | which not only do hungry fish eat | From Mr Nicolas Walter Jews, but myopic sharks devour liberal-minded Arabs and Jews. But if we as lay citizens cannot confront extremists' vile acts, we should at least distance ourselves from their actions, physically and intellectually.

The political vacuum Yitzhak Rabin has left may be difficult to fill, but it is incumbent on Israelis of all political and religious persuasions to carry the torch of peace that the extremist Israeli right is relentlessly trying to douse. On this sombre occasion I am very proud of my King's symbolic presence and his brave speech at Mr Rabin's funeral. May I echo King Hussein's words that the assassination of Mr Rabin should be an occasion for all those who belong to the camp of peace to come and speak of peace. Yours sincerely,

LU'AYY MINWER AL-RIMAWI London School of Economics London, WC2

senseless slaughter of a good man trying to bring peace with

The assassination has not only

6 November

From Mrs Violet Holmes Sir: 1. like most of the civilised world, was shocked at the death of Yitzhak Rabin. I turned off the television on bearing the news, and sat reviewing the

justice to his small part of the Deborah Pritchett and Jonathan Regal (letter, 6 November) say: "When Jewish blood is shed, every Jew mourns." I, who am neither Jew nor Arab, but Christian, say: when any man dies, I mourn because we are all part of the human race. They should not be so particular in their grief.

As King Hussein put it so elo-

quently in his moving homily:

We all worship the same God."

Yours sincerely. VIOLET HOLMES Maghull, Merseyside 6 November

Sir: Shaikh Mohammad (Let-

ters, 7 November) rightly calls for fair reporting of various forms of terrorism, whether by states or groups or individuals, but he wrongly calls for such reporting not to condemn any religion. Surely religious terrorism is as bad as any other, and indeed worse in that it invokes divine sanction for human violence, whether by or against the powersthat-be.

Justifications of, and precedents for such terrorism appear in the scriptures and traditions of all the major religions (Jewish and Christian, Muslim and Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh), are invoked by the spokesmen of every variety of fanaticism and fundamentalism, and have always been one of the reasons for condemning all religion. Yours faithfully,

NICOLAS WALTER Rationalist Press Association London, N1 7 November

Opposed to pot

From Mr George Foulkes, MP Sir: If the accuracy of your so-called survey of Labour MPs is to be assessed by your account of the views you attribute to me, it is wholly spurious ("Cannabis inquiry backed by 27 Labour MPs., 4 November). At no time have I supported the legalisation of cannabis, indeed I have publicly and strongly opposed it on a number of occasions.

I do not, of course, oppose a public debate on this issue: but my opposition and that of the Labour Party should be in no doubt. Yours etc, GEORGE FOULKES

MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (Lab) House of Commons London, SW1

Heroin haul

From Mr Simon Reap Sir, I am shocked and dismayed that David Lister (Diary, 2 November) could dare to suggest Lonnie Donegan's "Rock Island Line" has hidden references to

The title alone shows that the song warns about the Eighties drug of choice, cocaine. Yours faithfully, SIMON REAP London, N11

Why I want a gun From Mr Ron Berry

Sir: How can I protect myself against young vandals who have scragged my garden hedge, and who throw fireworks at my livingroom windows?

I am 75 and struggling to walk on two sticks. My wife is recovering from major surgery. We have been hurgled twice. My wife has lost all her long-cher-ished jewellery. We lost cash and rare, valuable property. My car has been tumbled over,

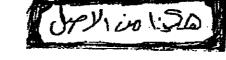
and last summer it took me a fortnight to catch a boy of eight. He stole four petrol caps off my car. How does one defend oneself? I do not want policemen coming to my house and offering apologics. This happens every time I write to the Chief Constable. I

want advice on how to defend myself and stay within the law. Were I half my age I would take the law into my own hands. as they say, simply by pursuing and threatening. Fear helps to civilise us all. Now I am tempted 4 to buy a weapon - an airgun, for instance - because I am sick of being taunted and victimised by

unaway young crimmals. How can my generation, people of the Twenties and Thir-ties, of loss and strife, how do we defend ourselves?

RON BERRY

Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan



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If men want to go on living with women, it will have to be as equal partners in the economy

The men were ex-miners from Nottingham, big, muscular and some of them tattooed. Sitting in rows at their workbenches, they had moved from one traditional Nottingham type of work to another. Now they were stitching bright pink lacy bra and pants sets, destined for Marks and Spencer. From Nottingham pits to Nottingham lace, their meaty hands were learning delicate new tasks.

These men were fiercely defensive: If this is what it takes to keep my family, then I'll do it!" one said, jutting out his jaw at me as if defying anyone to pity or to mock.
We shall see more of that as work

in heavy industry and manufacturing (now only 18 per cent of jobs) gives way to a growth of work in the services. retailing, leisure and catering (75 per cent of jobs). This week Incomes Data Services produced a new analysis which found that women employees now outnumber men in 25 of the nation's regions and counties, and this is a galloping trend. By 1997 women

will have overtaken men nationally. Is this the revolution? Is this the gender-quake? Various prophets of doom have pointed to this trend as a sign that the monstrous regiment has finally done men in. Emasculated (low sperm count), excluded from the family (all those single mums), failing at school (girls get better exam results), what is left of manhood? And now women have taken men's work, too.

However, reports of the death of man are much exaggerated. Unpick the statistics and the headline figures become very nearly damn lies. The number of working-age women in income. This has increased to £1 in

jobs has catapulted up in the past 20 years to 71 per cent. But the proportion of women in full-time jobs has remained absolutely steady. A high proportion of these new part-time jobs are low paid, not providing nearly enough to keep a family. These new jobs for women are not breadwinning jobs at all, not sod-thefather, go-it-alone, have-it-all-and-ababy-too jobs. They are jobs that most women can afford to take only if they are living with a working, breadwin-

ning man.
Such is the perversity of the tax and benefits system that those women who most need to work because their partners are unemployed, or they haven't got a partner, are all but prevented from taking jobs, while those with working partners are the ones who find it easiest. What we have here are jobrich and job-poor households. When a man loses his job in a household with a mortgage his wife has to give up her job immediately (unless she is an untypically high earner), since her part-time earnings would simply be deducted from his benefit entitlement,

and she'd be wasting her time.
All this, heavily disguised, is a portrait of the same old women's dependency culture. Once women have children, most of them still have to lean on a man or the state to survive. Of the women who really need to earn - the lone parents - a smaller proportion are actually working than 20 years ago. In terms of money, the Institute for Fiscal Studies reports that in the average household 20 years ago, women brought in £1 in every £4 of the joint



Women may not have enough power, but the men are right to be frightened

every £3 - an improvement, but hardly one that signals the wholesale redundancy of men.

Power-women chic dominates our perceptions of the real world around us. All those images of women prison governors, football managers or chief inspectors on television distort our vision. There are more women in good jobs than there were, mainly because of the general upward shift in the labour market: one-third of all work now is managerial and professional. But only a third of those jobs go to women, while women still do more than two-thirds of the secretarial and sales work. That hardly justifies the dominatrix fixations of the

Maybe a new generation of young women will do better? After all, threequarters of the huge growth in graduates recently has been among women. The casual assumption is that they will work their way through to equality before long, no problem. However, the ing most of them into the depths of IFS suggests some may but many may not. Young women blithely assume everything will be fine - until they try motherhood for themselves and find isn't. Having children drustically damages your earning power.

What's more, according to the IFS high and probably increasing proportion of women over 45 are caring for an elderly relative – no sooner free of children than encumbered by a parent. That's the trouble with this subject - whinge, whinge and more whinge. The more closely you examine the figures, the more depressing

But the figures are not the whole story. The extraordinary fact remains that despite the economics, there has been a revolution. Women may not have enough money, power or finan-cial independence, but the men are right to be frightened. This is a social revolution that defies all theories of history: it happened without a fundamental economic shift. Ideas alone have fuelled and sustained it, the circuses without the bread.

Earning money part-time may not bring independence of a partner, but it shifts the terms of the relationship in dangerous ways. Gone are the days of waiting for him to give her the housekeeping. It may not be enough to live on, but emotionally those part-time earnings can change everything. She becomes a real person, with a real role in the outside world, with new obligations and friends, even if the job is humble. Divorce often follows this unsettling of pink bras.

turbulence. Economically, this is a catastrophe for women and children, hurlpoverty. But, rashly, women are putting freedom before finance, with wives initiating 70 per cent of divorces.

None of this makes sense. It is all a recipe for social calamity and unhappiness for men, women and children. Something has to give. Either women have to return to family values and acknowledge their economic destiny dependence on men. Or else they have to be able to earn enough to support themselves and their children.

Men have to adapt to this strange

new world, and that is why equality in everything is not a boring whinge but the only hope there is. So far the clash in expectations leaves men still insufficiently adapted and as a result even the fiercest economic whip has not thrust women back into unhappy marriages. So if the taxpaver doesn't want to bear the growing burden, then women have to earn the same as men. (This is why refusing to sign up to the EU social chapter is a shortsighted mistake.)

Social anxiety rightly focuses now on the young men with no jobs, no chance of growing up and no chance that any sensible women will ever want to keep them. But that is the frightening fall-out of chronic undereducation and unemployment, not women's fault. Sorry about the sperm count and all the rest of it, but if men want to go on living with women then it has to be as equal partners, emotionally, financially and in the jobs they do, right down to the stitching

tinctly Jewish and Zionist. The Amir

brothers attended religious schools

which are very different, exclusive, nar-

row and closed to outside influences

from junior school to university. The

The brothers were also associated

spend weekends

"People who think that

the religious far right is

going to go away because of what happened to Rabin

don't understand how far it

has been institutionalised

in its schools and settle-

ments," said an Israeli observer yesterday. At Kfar

Tapuah, a settlement

stronghold of the Kahane

Chai west of Hebron, a resident explained to Israeli

television on Sunday that "if

Mr Netanyahu says these are not

Some of this will stick. But Shi-

settlements.

Don't go crackers at Christmas

Christmas has a cheeky habit of sneaking up on us people you would like to have unawares, so that we suddenly find it's late afternoon on 24 December and little kids are singing carols through the entryphone and we haven't even started the Christmas shopping, and we burst out through the front door, shouting: "Out of the way you little devils, I have to get to Harrods before it closes on Christmas Eve!"

Well, we don't want that happening this year, do we? No, we don't. So here's what we are going to do. We are going to bring you a Christmas checklist today containing all the things you have got to do in the next few weeks. OK. Here we go.

Things we have to do BEFORE Christmas

Decide who we want to spend Christmas with.

This is not as simple as it sounds. Whether you are young people deciding which parents you would like to spend Christmas with, or older people deciding who you should invite to stay, it is not just a question of deciding who you would like to have as company on Christmas Day. It's a question of who you should be with on Christmas Day. God gave us a lot of fun friends and relatives, but he also gave us a lot of unattached and sometimes tedious kith and kin, because He's

very fair like that, and if we look back over 1995, we'll probably find that we spent more time with the fun-to-bewith relatives than with the other kind, and round about Christmas we start to feel guilty about the not-so-much-fun-to-be-with relatives, and we start saying things like: "Oh Lord, I suppose we ought to have Aunt Julia over on Christmas Day for lunch" or 'I wonder if anyone is going to stay with Granny for Christmas this year" and before you know where you are, you've

guilt and duty. So don't do that. Instead, decide who you

signed away your Christmas to

don't want to spend Christmas Yes, draw up a list headed People who make me feel l would rather die than have to spend Christmas with them". Put down everyone you can think of, even neighbours and colleagues who might just

drop in unasked on Christmas

Israeli society. Yigal Amir's only appearance on television before last Saturday was this summer when he Now, just to be fair, draw up a list marked "People it would be fun to have around

Just for interest's sake, count the number of people say he encouraged them to

on Christmas Day". you don't want to be with on

round at Christmas. Is the number of people you don't want to see a Christmas larger than the number of people you would like to see at Christmas?

Now count the number of

Oh, yes it is. Because there are some

other people you didn't put on that unwanted list, aren's

Including some very close relatives, right?

Even, maybe, children and spouses, am I right? So go on, be honest, put them down as well.

To sum up, the list of unwanted friends and relatives is longer than the other

Or to put it another way, a: this stage in your life you have acquired more people you dislike than people you

Makes you think, doesn't



One of the things it makes you think is this: "If most of the people I know and am related to are people I don't want to have around at Christmas, what kind of person mus! I be, to attract such large quantities of people I don't like? And so few that I do

Another of the things it makes you think is: "I wonder if I rang up Granny and asked her to come and stay for Christmas, and she said she had already made plans to go away to Barbados for the festive season, I wonder it she would have made those arrangements in order to avoid the risk of having to be with me?"

But we don't have time for

morbid thoughts like that. So what you have got to do now, before you do anything else, is discuss with your nearest and dearest how Christmas should be arranged.

And find out that they have already made their plans for Christmas. Which don't seem to

involve you at all. Oh, my God.

Nobody likes you. And probably never did. It's going to be a fairly bleak Christmas, isn't it?

Tomorrow, we think this whole Chrisimas thing through

The Rabin assassination has been blamed on right-wing politicians, says Patrick Cockburn Can Israel put out the flames?

The bitter words of Leah Rabin 1 yesterday blew apart the fragile political unity forged in Israel after the assassination of her husband, the Prime Minister. Mrs Rabin directly accused the right-wing Likud party of creating the violent climate that led to Saturday's terrible events. She said she cold-shouldered its leaders at

Yitzhak Rabin's funeral, believing that their words convinced Yigal Amir, the assassin, that "he had the support of a broad public with an extremist approach Binyamin Netanyahu, the suave exdiplomat leader of Likud, was quick to put Mrs Rabin's words down to her immense grief. But he may find them hard to live down. His denunciations

of the government for surrendering to Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, by giving up the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestinians, have been fierce, and he has often seemed not too fussy about the audience he delivered them to. Labour supporters point out that just a month ago in Zion Square in the centre of Jerusalem Mr Netanyahu addressed a rally of 20,000 people opposed to

the Oslo agreement at which members of Kahane Chai. the outlawed extremist anti-Arab group to which Yigal Amir belonged, were carried shoulder high through the crowd. Some distributed a poster showing Mr Rabin in SS uniform. Other placards showed the faces of Mr Rabin and Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, now Mr Rabin's successor, at the

centre of a gun target. Mr Netanyahu is moving fast to distance himself from members of the religious right, whom he has cultivated in the past. But this may be difficult for him because their violence was extraordinarily visible. They were almost always armed. Their rhetoric was invariably bloodthirsty and they had shown they could move from words to deeds. As recently as last year the Kahane Chai member Baruch Goldstein mowed down 29 Palestinian

worshippers in a mosque in Hebron. The left in Israel now hopes that Mr Netanyahu and Likud will be damned by their old associations. But this is probably wishful thinking. The bitter divisions that created the conditions for the assassination remain. Israeli society has always been less homogenous than it appeared from outside. A large part of the religious and nationalist right believes that giving up even part of the West Bank is a betrayal of the land God gave to the Jews. They



may now express horror at Yigal Amir's deed, but his beliefs, as expressed in court, are little different from their own

The Israeli right is a complex phenomenon. It consists of three main strands: the middle-class rightism that is little different from American Republicanism and is the brand with which Mr Netanyahu feels most comfortable; the old-style nationalists of the right who were once led by Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, and the religious right which lives in a very different world from other Israelis and has shown an extraordinary capacity for violence over 20 years.

The violence comes from an exclusive ideology - a belief in themselves as the vanguard of the Chosen People

- in which the imperatives of territorial nationalism are supplemented and reinforced by the will of God. Even a partial Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank is therefore the grossest treachery because it is the abandonment of divinely appointed borders. Yigal Amir's monologue in court this week is a compendium of these views. He said he killed alone but "maybe together with God". He is flercely anti-Arab and says: "Hasn't

timan state is being established here?" Mr Netanyahu and the centre right are far removed from this sort of extremism, but in the past they have tolerated and courted the religious extreme because it was too large for Likud to ignore. Since the beginning

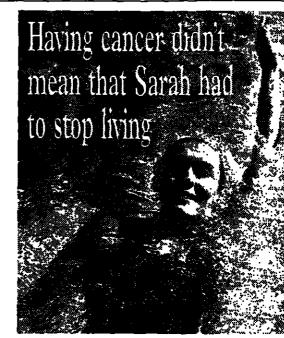
the Israeli people noticed that a Pales-

of the Israeli state in 1948 the friction between secular and religious Jews has been one of the motors of political controversy and change. Professor Baruch Kimmerling, of Hebrew University, says: "There are two poles in this society. There are about 15 per cent of pure secular Jews and there are about 20 per cent of very religious Jews. The majority are somewhere in between these two

Yigal Amir and his brother, Hagai. accused of making 20 dum-dum bullets for the assassination, are almost textbook examples of the introverted world of the religious right. Israel has two education systems. The mainstream is like any education system in

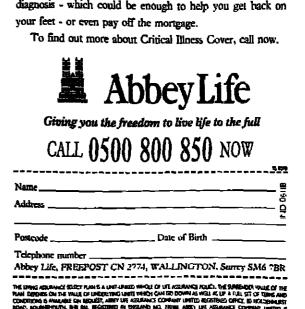
his views but Labour says that he should be judged by the company he keeps. One leading Labour politician asked, immediately after Mr Rabin was killed, how Likud could claim to be blameless in his death when it had tolerated people portraying him as a murderer and a traitor at its meetings.

mon Peres clearly does not believe that it will do enough damage to Likud for him to risk a snap election, though some of his supporters think he is mistaken. The religious right will keep a low profile for the moment. In the meantime, the world is learning that Israel has fundamentalists just as dangerous as any the Western world, though it is disin the Islamic world.



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Professor Ernest Gellner

Ernest Geliner was an outstanding theorist of modernity and one of a rare breed among late-20th-century scholars. He made significant contributions in very diverse fields, notably philosophy and social anthropology. His excoriating attacks on the orthodoxies of his times made it difficult for him to be fully accented into either of these academic communities. That suited him well enough: he seemed to enjoy leading a one-man crusade for critical rationalism, defending enlightenment universalism against the rising tides of idealism and relativism. Born in Paris in 1925, Gell-

ner was brought up in Prague and attended the English grammar school there. His Jewish family decided on a move to Britain in 1939. At the end of the Second World War he enlisted with the Czech army, before continuing his education at Oxford, After a First in PPE he moved on to the London School of Economies, becoming Professor of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method in 1962. During this phase of his career he achieved fame and notoriety among philosophers, notably through his attack on Oxford linguistic idealism. Words and Things (1959).

Gellner combined his passion for ideas with an equally intense material constraints of social life. During the 1950s he discovered anthropology and, more specifically, the hard-nosed, empirical, observational style promoted in the inter-war decades by Bronislaw Malinowski, an earlier LSE recruit from Central Europe. This anthropology was an immensely exciting discipline, which enabled Gellner to pursue social realities across cultural and temporal boundaries. Through more than four

the subject were enormous, They ranged from conceptual critiques on the analysis of kinship to frameworks for understanding political order outside the state in tribal Morocco (Saints of the Atlas, 1969): from sympathetic exposition of the works of Soviet Marxist anthropologists to elegant syntheses of the Durkheimian and Weberian traditions in Western social theory: and from grand elaboration of "the structure of human history" to path-breaking analyses of ethnicity and nationalism (Thought and Change, 1964; Nations and Nationalism, 1983). Yet there were several para-doxes running through his work. including ethnographers, in the context of modern national Yet there were several para-

Apart from the Morocean study, widely acknowledged as a classic of the British school, he did not carry out local ethnographic projects. He valued fresh empirical data from fieldwork above all else, and advised his many graduate students accordingly. Yet he himself often preferred to be comparative, to theorise and to systematise. He was closer in some ways to the anthropology of Sir James Frazer than to that of Malinowski. There were tensions, too, in his political loyalties. The hatred of Communism ran deep (it was decades his contributions to perhaps exceeded only by his contempt for another closed system. the church of psycho-analysis - The Psychoanalytic Movement, 1985). But Geliner could understand the security that ordinary people valued under Communist rule, and their wish to believe in their sys-

> tions of Islamic movements. Although some judged his thinking to be Euro-centric, he both admired and respected the other cultures he studied. On the other hand he did not hesitate to expose the forgery of cultural identities by intellectuals.

tem, in the same way that he

could appreciate the attrac-

movements. He had little sympathy for the lurch to right-wing orthodoxies in the Britain of Mrs Thatcher. In his recent book on Civil Society (Conditions of Liberty, 1994) he argued for an effective state that would provide the social guarantees citizens needed to protect them from the tyranny of the market. At various times in his career he eugaged in debate with figures on the left, among them Perry Anderson and Tom Nairn, though his general scorn for Western Marxism was unswerving. He was a superb public speak-

er and debater, and also a gifted teacher, injecting occasional notes of melodrama into lectures that were delivered slowly, without notes. I remember first hearing him in the Cambridge anthropology department of the 1970s, when Jack Goody invited him to do a regular series on "rationality". Key points about the contrasting styles of cognition were deftly summarised in a blackboard diagram of a "multi-periscoped submarine". an image that must be indelibly stamped on generations of students (the argument is set out fully in Plough, Sword and Book,

His influence spread far beyond social anthropology, and



Photograph: Ashley Ashwood

may indeed have been stronger in other fields. The fierce tone of the polemics of the 1950s against Oxford philosophers was repeated in the 1990s in tangles in the TLS with the New-York-based Palestinian literary critic Edward Said. For Gellnet. the issues were essentially the same: the vital need to refute the claim that ideas lead the world. He was planning an important conference on the sub-ject of Orientalism at the time of his death.

After a highly successful decade as William Wysc Professor of Social Anthropology at Cambridge, Gellner retired in 1993 in order to head a new Centre for the Study of Nationalism, part of the Central European University funded by George Soros. He was thrilled to be living in Prague once again, and for all his in-tense dislike of socialism he had to concede that the former power-holders had taken good care of the city's historic centre. One regret, he told me recently, was that he couldn't quite manage to down the prodigious amounts of beer necessary for effective "participant observation" among contemporary Bohemian villagers.

Gellner did not establish a school though, like Karl Popper, whose influence he always acknowledged, he did attract some able and dedicated followers. He did not always find it easy to accept the mundane pressures of an academic department, particularly in Cambridge, where an archaic administrative system imposed very heavy demands. Indeed Cambridge was in some re- recr. he continued to enjoy ca-

spects a disappointment: after suffering the indignity of hav-ing to kneel before a linguistic philosopher – Bernard Williams – in his admission ceremony, he found that the Fellowship at King's was too large to provide him with that elusive sense of Gemeinschaft. Yet he settled well in the end.

enjoyed his collaboration with archaeologists, and the essays and books continued to flow. As at the LSE, he inspired loyalty and affection of staff as well as students. He was not one to suffer fools, and occasionally visitors to the department were deceived by the reserved, even tacitum welcome they received. But, though often formal, Gellner hated pomposity, and the dry humour was never far away: mischievous Bohemian spirits would emerge in the conversa-tion over dinner and he was quite incapable of conforming to current fads for "political correctness". Having distilled the key message of a visitor's talk, would enjoy changing the subject altogether - perhaps to chess, or to the parlous state of the English football team. He was passionate about nature, especially mountains. Long after illness ended his climbing ca-

nocing on the Cam, and to live life to the full - too full, perhaps. in later years, as he subjected himself to punishing international conference schedules. But he was usually able to re-treat with his family to a precious hideaway in north Italy during summers, and it was here that much of his extraordinarily varied writing was done. Rumour has it two new volumes

were completed this summer. He is survived by his wife, Susan, who shared the fieldwork in Morocco with him, and by two daughters and two sons.

Chris Hann

Ernest André Gellner, anthropologist, historian, sociologist, philosopher, born Paris 9 December 1925; staff, London School of Economics 1949-84. Professor of Philosophy 1962-84: FBA 1974; William Wyse Pro-FBA 1974; William Wyse Pro-Jessor of Social Anthropology. Cambridge University 1984-93; Professorial Fellow, King's Col-lege. Cambridge 1984-92, Su-pernumerary Fellow 1992-95; Resident Professor and Director, Centre for Study of Nationalism. Central European University Prague 1993-95; married 1954 Susan Ryan (two sons. two daughters); died Prague 5

Gilles Deleuze

In the introduction to Ou'est-ce que la philosophie? (1991) the philosopher Gilles Deleuze and his co-author the psychoanalyst Felix Guattari suggest that one cannot ask such a question until late in life, in old age which is the time to "speak concrete-ly" at last. When that book was written, at the age of 65. Deleuze could hardly be called "eld" by today's standards. But "Vihat is philosophy?" is indeed the sort of question one asks oneself, as he tells us, "at midnight, when one no longer has anything to lose".

He goes on: in younger days, of course, one nev-er stopped asking it, but in a manner too indirect, or oblique, too artificial, too abstract, and one expatieted upon it, dominating it in pastage rather than letting oneself be gripped by it. One wasn't serious enough. One was too eager just to "do philosophy", one did not ask oneself what it really was except as a stylistic exercise; one had not set reched that one settle that firethes there onested that one settle there onested that one settle that firethes. that non-style that finally allows one to ask; but what was it all about, what have I been doing all my life?

So perhaps, having reached the age of 65, it was about time he began asking himself that question (among many others) as part of the privilege of old age:

There are cases in which old age gives, not elernal youth, but on the contrary swereign liberty, a pure detachment in which one enjoys a moment of which all elements of the machine engine that will travel through the iges: Titian, Turner, Monet.

Other examples of liberated old age are Chateaubriand. whose Vie de Rancé "perhaps marks the beginning of modern literature". Boris Ivans in his last great cinematic works. Kant in his Critique of Judgement (written at about the same age as Deleuze was when writing this introduction).

Deleuze began by composing classic studies of Hume, Nietzsche, Kant, Bergson and Spinoza. Not until 1964 did he attempt more literary themes in Marcel Proust et les signes, in which he demonstrates that the concept of the "sign" rather than that of "memory" is the most effective way to approach a reading of Proust. This is al-

Deleuze: What have I been doing all my life?

ready a "concrete" rather than a metaphysical approach.

In 1967, he published his Presentation de Sacher-Masoch. in which he shows us that Masoch made possible a link between "a perversion as old as the world" and the situation of ethnic minorities and the role of women in those minorities: masochism becomes an act of resistance, "Masoch is a great symptomologist."

In his Logique du seus ("Logic of Meaning, 1969), Deleuze uses as illustrations authors such as Lewis Carroll and Antonin Artaud to elaborate a certain number of "lluctuant" concepts (surface and depth, perversity and schizophrenia) that allow him to examine questions of language and the "expressivity of signification" that

were to be at the heart of his collaboration with the dissident

psychiatrist Guattari. An amusing study could be attempted on why some authors feel a compulsion to write in tandem Such literary symbiosis takes curious forms, sometimes verging on the pathological. The bachelor brothers Edmond and Jules de Goncourt were inseparable (until death did them part): they referred to themselves as Juledmond and nearly all their writing was done together. In the days before sexual correctness, Edmond was able to write in their monstrous Journal: "We even have our periods together."

When the two protagonists are a revolutionary therapeutic psychiatrist of 39 and a subversive visionary philosopher

covered X-rays, 1895; John Fitzger-

ald Kennedy was elected as the 37th

US president, the first Roman

Catholic and the youngest presi-dent to date, 1960, Today is the Feast

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the Four Crowned Martyrs, St God-frey of Amiens, St Tysilio or Sulian

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis,

"Archangels (ii), attributed to Ver-

rocchio. Tobias and the Angel', Ipm.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Imo-

gen Stewart. "18th-century Textiles from India and Europe", 230pm.

British Museum: B.W. Robinson, Persian Painting in the India Office

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Nicholas Bonsor Bt MP, Minis-

ter of State for Foreign and Com-

monwealth Affairs, hosted a lunch

five years his senior, such a union of pens seems peculiarly piquant. It was certainly a very unusual form of literary-philosophical complicity that pro-duced their first combined work, L'Anti-Oedipe (1972), which scandalised conventional psychoanalytical circles by its attack on repressive Freudian analysis and its relation of

capitalism to schizophrenia. This innovative work is also remarkable as the first to employ multiple references – not only philosophic, but also artistic, scientific and literary - giving them all equal value, with the deliberate intention of showing that desire should be considered not just as a basic need but as a polymorphic engine of production. Deleuze's acute perceptions on art found full expression in a work on Francis Bacon subtitled "Logique

de le sensation" in 1981. Another of Deleuze/Guattari's multiple references was the cinema. Deleuze quotes Godard as asking why television watchers are not paid for watching television, instead of being charged for it, since they are L'Image-movement (1983) and du Cinema on Godard, Drever. Rivette. Wells and others including Syberberg, Varda, Ozu. Deleuze is often a better

writer and thinker than Guattari, vet the latter was important to him as a sounding-board and stimulus, as Deleuze was to Guattari. They both, working alongside one another, released something fundamental in each other's mind and personality. This is seen at its best in their greatest collaboration, Mille Plateaux (1980), a sequel to L'Anti-Oedipe. The essence of this complex but open-ended book lies in the declaration that literature, like everything else. is now in a reactionary period. in which writers, unless they conform to a certain acculturation that makes their works marketable, are marginalised and find it difficult to create freely.

So the "thousand plateaux" the authors envision are the innumerable possible interactions between writers, painters, musicians, philosophers, linguists and sociologists that would bring support and greater self-confidence to creators.

It is impossible in a short space to do justice to the complexity of Deleuze's work though it is a complexity understandable by all with a will to understand. There is his book on Michel Foucault, a great friend and inspirer (1986); another, Périclès et Verdi (1988) in homage to his colleague at the Université de Vincennes François Châtelet; a book on Leibnitz and the Baroque entitled Le Pli ("The Pleat", 1988), and collaborations with other writers besides Guattari.

It was Foucault who first said: "This century will be Deleuzien." Almost the last thing Deleuze wrote was a brief eulogy on the death of The Friend, Félix Guattari, in August 1992. He was too ill to attend the funeral service, so it was read for him by Dr Jean Cury at the gates of the Père performing a public service. Lachaise cemetery. Deleuze On cinema, Deleuze wrote must have been wondering who would write his eulogy. Only he L'Image-temps (1985). He made himself could have done it. contributions to Les Cahiers For he had indeed reached that "non-style" of the old that finally demonstrates their greatness, and allows them to ask: "What was it all about, and what have I been doing all my

Deleuze shortly before his death - he committed suicide by throwing himself from his flat in Paris - recorded one of the Arte Channel's most fascinating philosophical programmes, Abecedaire ("Alphabet"), in which he introduced a subject starting with a letter of the alphabet. "A" was for "animal". 'G" for "gauche" (left-wing), and B was for "boisson" (drink) The "S" for "suicide" has yet to

Gilles Deleuze, philosopher: born Paris 18 January 1925; died Paris

Catherine Martineau

One of the three daughters of William Ritchie and Margaret Booth, Catherine Martineau had a formidable lineage: Thackeray was her great-grandfather, Charles Booth, author of Life and Labour of the People in London, and Sir Rich-mond Ritchie. Permanent Under-Secretary of State for India, were her grandfathers; great-great-uncles included Lord Macaulay and George Otto Trevelyan, while Leslie

Stephen was a great-uncle. The resulting cat's cradle of uncles, aunts and cousins reads like a roll-call of the professional and intellectual establishment, stretching from Cripps to Webb by way of such names as Hobhouse, Llewellyn-Davies, Macnaghten, Meinertzhagen and Potter, with most of whom she kept up until the end of her life an astonishing correspondence which was as wise and spirited

as it was descriptive. After school at Albemarle House, in Wimbledon, under the formidable Miss Parrott and at Wimbledon High, she went to stay at Cambridge with family friends, the Darwins. where she was invited to sort out the Beagle papers, which were in total disorder. Her pencilled annotations and tentative datgs signed "Cash" (the name by which she was known to family and friends) or "C.R." were to cause puzzlement to later biographers, who were finally put on the right track by an old friend and who then poured in to interview her. She obtained a Librarianship Diploma at University College London and studied Palaeography with Dr Eric Miller, then Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum. She went to Berlin and Munich and her personal mem-

ories of the signs of the Nazi takeover in 1933-34 were vivid. In 1940 she and her husband John Martineau (whom she had married in 1936) were bombed out of their London house and went to live at Taplow, in Buckinghamshire. Here their neighbours included Joyce Grenfell, with whom she formed a close friendship



rtineau: 'Hope Indeed!'

and worked at the Canadian Hospital at Cliveden. Tom Balston, the Oxford historian, was a frequent visitor and one day suggested that she bicycle to Cookham with him to see his friend Stanley Spencer.

Her first memory of Spencer is startling: he had just returned from working on his Shipbuilding on the Clyde pictures (a war artist commission) and transfixed her by shooting across the floor a roll of wartime lavatory paper on which he had made his preparatory sketches. This meeting and her subsequent friendship with Stanley and his brother Gilbert she was to recall in her only venture into print in Spencer, the Man: correspondence and reminiscences, edited by John Rothenstein and published in 1979, and in spoken words in Edward Lucie-Smith's radio portrait of the painter.

Spencer became a regular visitor to the Martineaus' household, dropping in for "Nursery Tea" followed by a "tinkle on the pi-ar-no", when he loved to play Bach. She described how he liked to lie on the floor with her children and "chat up" the figures in photographs of his paintings. When one of them asked why the disciples' feet were crossed in the Glasgow Resurrection, he answered, "They're a bit bored you see. they've heard it all before." In order to assure the Provost and Fellows of Eton that he was daughters, and one son dea suitable artist to carry out their ceased); died Walsham le Wil-

Harold Macmillan, his drawing of her daughter Jane aged eight was sent round for their inspection. The Fellows approved. When Spencer returned from the investiture of his knighthood, he made the children act out the scene, with one of them as the Queen Mother brandishing a poker and

murmuring. I have been wanting to do this for a long time.

How much Catherine's friendship meant to Spencer is shown by what he wrote to her just before he died: "When you came with Tom Balston you gave me Hope indeed, and later when I saw Jack [Martineau] I knew that I had what I so wanted. Friends!" A few weeks earlier she had gone to see him on her return from Florence and he had drawn from memory all the scenes on the base of Giotto's campanile.

Some years later, when she had moved to her husband's family home in Suffolk, they offered a house to Gilbert Spencer, who continued the tradition of drawing her daughters, as well as Edith Hotchin. who had been Nanny both to Catherine Ritchie and her children and who habitually referred to her employer as "Old thing".

ter the death of her husband in 1982 when she had considerable means at her disposal. Catherine Martineau should immediately seek to give away a substantial part, through a charitable trust and through donations to her local community. It was in recognition of all that she had done that, on her 80th birthday, the village bell-ringers rang a peal which lasted for three hours. It was only with difficulty that she was restrained from attempting to climb the tower to thank them.

William Mostyn-Owen Catherine Makepeace Thackeray Ritchie: born London 3 March 1911; married 1936 John Martineau (died 1982; two sons, two commission for a portrait of lows, Suffolk 22 October 1995.

Births. Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BIRKIN: To Emma (nee Gage) and John, on 6 November, a son, Ben-jamin Charles. HARRISON: On 2 November, in Stock holm, to Jennifer (nee Royle), and Michael, a son, Patrick William Ernest, brother for Joanna.

DEATHS

POOLTON: On 31 October 1995, sud denly at home in Godalming, and of Knutsford. Peter James Poolton, aged 36 years, the dear son of the late Dennis and the late Lin, and the much-loved brother and brother-inlus of Helen and Tim and devoted un-cle to Jessica and Katie. Funeral service and committal at Altroncham Crematorium on Wednesday S Noternatorium of weatherstay a weather at 2pm. Flowers or donations for medical care in Malawi. Flowers donations and enquiries to Dodeson Puneral Service. 25 Manchester Road Knutsford, telephone 01585 634251. There will be a memorial service : Charterhouse: Godalming, on Thurs-day 7 December: Details from Head-master's Secretary, telephone 01483 201601

IN MEMORIAM

JEPSON: Philip. Died in a tragic acci-dent on 29 December 1992. Re-membered today by his family and friends on this, his 27th birthday.

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Birthdays

81; Lord Allanhridge, a Senator o lage, 57; Miss Mary Travers, singer. 58; Mr Tamas Vasary, conductor and pianist, 62: Sir Alexander Wad-

Anniversaries

Births: Edmond Halley, astronomer and mathematician, 1656; (Abraham) 1847: Herbert, first Baron Austin. motor car manufacturer, 1866; Mar-

The Marquess of Abergavenny, former Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex.

the College of Justice in Scotland, 70; Mr Rupert Allason MP, 44; Professor Christiaan Barnard, heart trans-plant pioneer, 73; Mr Geoffrey Bell, former chairman, Guinness Mahon Holdings, 56; M Alain Delon, actor, 60: Mr Ken Dodd, comedian, 64: Mr Paul Foot, journalist. 58: Miss Elizabeth Gale, opera singer, 47: Mr Edward Goldsmith, ecologist, 67: Mr Frederick Gore, painter, 82; Professor Sir Edmund Happold, consulting engineer, 65: Miss June Havoc, actress, 79: Mr Dennis Head, former chairman, Rolls-Royce, 70; Dr Gordon Higginson, former Vice-Chan-cellor, Southampton University, 66; Miss Nerys Hughes, actress, 54; Mr Kazuo Ishiguro, author, 41; Mr David Jessel, television journalist, 50: Sir Andrew Leggatt, a Lord Justice of Appeal, 65: Sir Denis Mahon, art historian, 85; Miss Patti Page, singer, 68; Mr Martin Peters, footballer, 52; Sir James Redmond, former Director of Engineering, BBC, 77; Mr William Reid, former Director, National Army Museum, 64; Mr Mor-ley Safer, writer and television ournalist 64: Sir Robert Shickly, Pro-Journal of Surgery, Liverpool University, 65; Mr Ian Sproat MP, Minister of State, National Her-

held yesterday at Lancaster House. London SW1, in honour of Mr Yasushi Akashi, the UN Special Representative to the former Yugoslavia. dell, former colonial administrator,

Dinners

Lectures

Library", 1.15pm.

Luncheons

Institute of Indian Culture Mr Maneck Dalal, Chairman, the Bhavan, the Institute of Indian Cul-ture, and Dr M.N. Nandakumara. Executive Director, were the hosts at a banquet beld vesterday evening at the

garet Mitchell, author of Gone With Portman Hotel, London W1, on the occasion of Diwali, the Hindu Festhe Wind, 1900. Deaths: John Milton, tival of Light. Mr Michael Howard QC MP, Mrs Sandra Howard. Dr poet, 1674; Cesar-Auguste Franck, composer, 1890; Victorieu Sardou, playwright, 1908; Norman Rock-L.M. Singhvi, High Commissioner for India, and Mrs Singhvi were the well, artist and illustrator, 1978. On this day: the Louvre museum, Paris. was opened to the public for the first time, 1793; Wilhelm Röntgen dis-

James Harold, Lord Wilson of

£150,000, royalties and copyrights, for the creation of a charitable fund for the advancement of education.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard

Export documents should have been disclosed Regina v Blackledge and others; Court of Appeal (Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Macpherson of

4 November 1995

Wills

Rievauls, of London SW1, Prime Minister 1964-70 and 1974-76, left estate valued at £490,992 net. He left his political papers, correspondence, speeches and memoranda and all rights therein to Baroness Falk-

Mr Carl Ronald Giles, of Ipswich. Suffolk, the cartoonist, left estate valued at £1,291,022 net. He left £5,000 to St Elizabeth's Hospice, Ipswich. and all his original cartoons, drawings, paintings, sketches, personal archives and other effects, with

Clumy and Mr Justice Kay): pleaded not guilty and made 7 November 1995

In prosecutions for conspiracy to evade the prohibition on the export of certain goods to Iraq. the failure by the prosecution to disclose documents that showed that the British authorities were turning a blind eye to such exports was a material irregularity which deprived the defendants from making properly informed decisions on how to run their

defence. The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) allowed four appeals against convictions of conspiring in the exportation of goods with intent to evade the prohibition on their

exportation. The appellants were charged with a conspiracy between 1988 and 1990 relating to the ex-portation of goods to Iraq which were prohibited by the Export of Goods (Control) Orders 1987 and 1989. The events allegedly occurred when licences were obtained for the shipment of the goods to Jordan, when their true destination

was Irag. At preliminary hearings be-fore their trial, the appellants against their convictions on if all the material had been be-

LAW REPORT

clear that their case was that the authorities were aware of Jordan being used as a conduit for exports to Iraq. Their request for disclosure of policy and guideline documents governing the grant of export licences during that period was resisted by the Crown on the ground that there were no Department of Trade and Industry documents that showed that the authorities were turning a blind eye to such exportation.

When the trial judge reject-ed the defence submissions, the appellants changed their pleas to guilty, having received indications they would then receive suspended sentences.

As a result of acquittals in another case concerning similar offences, documents were disclosed by the Ministry of Defence. Foreign and Common-wealth Office and Security Services which showed that it was well known that Jordan was allowing itself to be used as a conduit for supplying military equipment to Iraq and that the authorities were turning a blind eye to military equipment being shipped via Jordan to Iraq.

the ground that if those documents had been disclosed at their trial they would not have pleaded guilty; and the nondisclosure prevented them from making properly informed decisions about their defence. Anthony Morris QC and Christopher

Melion (John Budd & Co. Blackpool): Geoffrey Robertson QC and Peter Clarke (Irwin Muchell, Sheffield); Jun Mucdonald QC (Simous Muirhead Burton); John Aspinall (Preston & Redman, Boumens with) for the appellants; Edmund Lawson QC and Stephen Krumer, who did not appear below (Customs and Excise Solicites) for the Crown.

Lord Taylor CJ. giving the court's judgment, said that the documents now before the court ought to have been made available before the trial. This was not a case of the defence seeking disclosure simply in the hope that some undefined defence might emerge. If there were any suggestion in the documents that the defence claim might be correct those documents would be disclosed or if they could not be, the prosecution would be stopped. The court could not say that

fore the jury they would pecessarily have acquitted but the documents would have enabled the defendants to present an arguable case along the lines they had already indicated before seeing the documents. The documents might have left a jury in doubt as to whether the appellants' conduct was condoned by one or more limbs of the executive. The failure to disclose the documents amounted to a material irregularity.

Documents in the possession of one or other governmental department involved in the inter-departmental consideration of licences were to be regarded as in the possession of the Crown as an indivisible entity.

It was common ground that even an unequivocal plea of guilty was not necessarily a bar to an appeal against conviction. Having considered all the unusual circumstances of the case - the material irregularity, the judge's ruling based on an unawareness by him and by prosecuting counsel of the undisclosed documents, and the pressures leading to the changes of plea, the convictions could not be regarded as safe and satisfactory. The appeals must be allowed.

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister

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IN BRIEF

Lang promises consultation

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday promised to a carry out consultation on proposals from a Commons Select Committee which said companies should pay for the circulation of resolutions put up by shareholders, provided they have sufficient backing. In a Commons reply he also confirmed the Government's commitment to legislation changes to implement proposals by the Greenbury Committee on disclosure of directors earnings and pensions.

Calor chief resigns

The chief executive of Calor Group, Britain's main bottled gas supplier, resigned vesterday as the company warned that the unseasonally warm weather was set to hit profits this year Howard Robinson, who was appointed in January 1993, is thought to have lost out in board differences to John Harris, managing director of Calor's main liquid petroleum gas business, who will replace him at the head of the group. Analysts cut full-year net earnings forecasts from around £31m to around £27m.

Taunton bid goes unconditional

The bid by drinks group Matthew Clark for cider maker Taunton went unconditional yesterday after being waved through by Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade. The DTI said it had decided not to refer the takeover to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The main offer remains open until further notice. with the partial cash alternative closing today.

Nationwide looks at direct insurance

Nationwide Building Society is considering setting up a telephonebased direct insurance service offering home and contents cover to its 1 million mortgage holders. The society is also investigating other options, including a joint venture with a single insurance company, rather than the panel it uses at present.

Top-level shake-up at SBC

Swiss Bank Corporation said the SBC Warburg chief executive, Marcel Ospel will become chief executive of the parent bank next May. Johannes de Gier hecomes SBC Warburg chairman immediately. In a top-level shake-up, SBC said its board chairman. Walter Frehner, will resign at the next AGM in May 1996, and the SBC chief executive, Georges Blum, will replace him. SBC said net profit in the nine months to September, including the first-time contribution from SG Warburg, was "clearly above" that posted a year earlier.

MAM shares fall on half-year figures

Mercury Asset Management (MAM) shares fell 31p to 888p as the company announced half-year figures in line with forecasts but refused to react to market speculation about possible mergers or acquisitions. The market was also disappointed by the new net business won - an increase of £800m.

PIA to name names

The Personal Investment Authority, the main financial services watchdog, is set to publish the names of all insurance companies that refuse to join its independent ombudsman scheme. Although all members must belong to the scheme where investment products are concerned, they do not have to for health insurance and similar policies.

Lang clears way for French bid

'Lenient' conditions favour Lyonnaise approach to Northumbrian Water

themselves but it is a very poor under the Water Industry Act to

Industrial Correspondent

The Government opened the way for a surge of takeovers in the water industry by giving the household in the area – rising to 2 per cent in year three and 10 per cent in year four. Mike long-awaited clearance for a Taylor, Northumbrian's finance director, said: "We are sur-

bid for Northumbrian Water by Lyonnaise des Eaux of France. The required price cuts as a condition for any bid were attacked as "feeble" by the abour Party and as "peanuts for ustomers" by Northumbrian. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said that should

Lyonnaise bid, price reductions of 15 per cent on water bills in the region would be phased in by 2001-2. He also said that the French group should list its entire UK water interests on the Stock Exchange by 2005. The announcement is expected to spark an early bid by Lyonnaise. The price cuts, which were recommended by Ian Byatt,

the water industry watchdog, were originally expected to be up to 20 per cent and to be implemented within four years. Under the present scheme, the reduction in the first two years will be only 1 per cent -

Anglian backs consumer power

prised at the leniency of the

clearance conditions. As far as

customers are concerned these

cuts are an irrelevance in the

first few years. Lyonnaise have

posed giving consumers a more direct role in setting water prices, by establishing what it called customer forums. Reporting profits last year 4.3 per cent higher at £125.8m, Robin Gourlay, chairman, sug-

gested it was time for the reg-

ulatory regime governing water

companies to broaden the role

water regulator, appoints customer committees for each Anglian Water yesterday prowater company to help him in his deliberations. But Mr Gourlay believes it would be better to have water consumer bodies with a degree of inde-pendence similar to that given to organisations such as the

deal for customers.

what was achievable."

A spokeswoman for Ofwat

said: "In our view it is a realis-

tic condition. It reflects a real-

istic situation and we had to do

Mr Byatt also moved to stem

any frenzy of bids in the sector

by warning that the President of

National Consumer Council. Mr Gourlay admitted that one of the reasons for opening up the regulatory process to consumers was that Anglian

At present, Ian Byatt, the believed its customers were their profits with customers, in willing to back a higher level of a clear indication that he would capital investment even at the

refer mergers between larger

water companies to the Mon-

Commission. "In my view, the

approval of this merger by the

does not mean that the way is

clear for the spate of takeovers

currently under way in the elec-

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Mergers

expense of an increase in prices. When the company asked Mr Byatt to approve an extra £250m of investment as part of the last price review in the water industry, he disallowed all but £50m. Only the cost of approved investment can be reflected in water prices.

Anglian also rejected Mr Byatt's call last week for the water companies to share more of

prefer lower dividends and more price reductions. It raised the interim dividend 11.25 per cent, nearly twice the increase in earn-

ter. The Water Industry Act sets

a framework within which in-

quiries into certain mergers

within the industry must be

Lyounaise des Eaux already owns North East Water, the wa-

ter-only company neighbouring

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conducted." he said.

merge the two.

ings per share of 6.5 per cent. Alan Smith, managing director, said "We don't agree

Anglian's customers had indicated in a survey that polled 3,000 people that they pre-ferred investments and ferred improvements to price cuts.

pricing conditions ... will have "significant implications for the value of Northumbrian to Lyonnaise". But it added: Notwithstanding the severity of the conditions imposed. Lyon-naise recognises that this is the only basis on which it will be allowed to proceed and proposes to enter into discussions with the board of Northumbrian to establish whether there is a basis on which both parties can agree terms for an offer."

City analysts believe the French group would have to bid between £11.50 and £12 per share for Northumbrian. The company's shares jumped by 66p to close at £10.74 last night.

It also emerged yesterday that North West Water has won 76 per cent of Norweb, the regional electricity firm, following last week's clearance of the takeover. Ken Harvey, Norweb's chairman and chief executive. and Brian Wilson, finance director, will leave next week "to pursue other interests and opportunities". It is thought Mr Harvey will gain £2m from ending his contract and his share options. Mr Wilson is expected to gain about £450,000.

Goldcrest fugitive surrenders

about 90p for the average given to consumers.

DAVID HELLIER

Donald Anderson, the former finance director of Goldcrest, a subsidiary of the Brent Walker Group, has given himself up to the police after almost three years as a fugitive. He appeared vesterday at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London.

Mr Anderson, a New Zealand citizen and said to have been a loyal colleague of George Walker, the company's founder, fled the country in July 1992 during the course of in-terviews with the Serious Fraud Office. At one point the SFO believed Mr Anderson might have been dead.

arrest has been outstanding have come back. since January 1993 when Mr Walker, former chairman and chief executive of the Brent Walker Group, and Wilfred Aquilina, the former finance director .were first arrested. Further warrants were obtained in March 1993 when

John Quested, former managing director of Goldcrest, was arrested, and again in December 1994 following the conviction and sentencing of Aquilina. Mr Anderson is charged with two counts of theft, one charge of conspiracy to falsify accounting documents, one charge

of attempting to pervert the course of justice and four charges of false accounting, involving in total £31.8m. Mr Anderson has been granted bail. However the SFO is contesting this today, fearing that he may abscond again. Mr Anderson is represented by Michael Coleman of Harkavys.

ing the Brent Walker trial. Mr Coleman said yesterday that his client had come back to face charges, having come to the conclusion that they "were not going to go away". There had been no pre-conditions or deals with the SFO beforehand.

He said that Mr Anderson was charged with conspiracy to falsify accounting documents, the charge on which Mr Walker and Acquilina were acquitted. Acquiling was convicted on one count of false accounting in relation to a false document to Touche Ross in 1991.

Mr Coleman said he had volunteered several conditions for his client's bail, including surcties of £150,000, the surrender of his client's passport and an offer to report to the police twice a day. There was no reason to fear that his client would abscond because if that A warrant for Mr Anderson's was in his mind he would not

Mr Walker is in the throes of trying to win back money he claims is owed to him by Brent Walker. Some banks have warned that they will put the company into receivership if he looks likely to win his case.

Mr Walker, who built the Brent Walker Group into a company that by 1990 had an annual turnover of more than £1.5bn, was acquitted on all charges on 24 October last year. In his defence it was suggested that two film division directors, John Quested and Mr Anderson, were chiefly responsible for any wrongdoing.

Allegations about the accounting policy within Brent Walker's film division first surfaced in the Independent in August 1988. Brent Walker had hoped that success in the film division would provide the springboard for the company's launch into the big time but worwho acted for Mr Walker durries about the division's accounts prevented the group from being able to raise money through a rights issue. It had to rely on heavy borrowings, a strategy that has left the group

close to bankruptcy.

Results slide 21% as profits collapse at Carlsberg Tetley and Domecq



Drowning sorrows: Allied Domecq's chief executive Tony Hales (left) and Tony Trigg, finance director Photograph: Jane Baker

Restructuring hits Allied for six

TOM STEVENSON **Deputy City Editor**

A £90m restructuring charge and £51m of other exceptionals knocked a gaping hole in otherwise flat profits from Allied Domecq, the food and drinks giant whose brands include Tetley beer, Dunkin' Donuts and a range of spirits from Beefeater gin to Courvoisier.

Most of the £60m restructuring charge is to be spent at Carlsberg Telley, the joint venture brewer, where profits collapsed in the year to August from £75m to £47m. The fall in brew-

ing, declining profits from the old Lyons food business, which is being disposed of, and the write-offs contributed to a 21 per cent fall in profits from £628m

Excluding the exceptional restructuring charges, earnings per share slipped from 38.2p to 37.7p and a final dividend of 11.8p was paid which, added to last May's 15.8p payout, gave a full-year total of 23.6p. up 6 per cent. Allied's shares, which have underperformed the rest of the market by 40 per cent over the past four years, closed unchanged at 493p.

Tony Hales, chief executive, admitted the Carlsberg Tetley joint venture had had a difficult start, but said he believed the corner had been turned. He refused to comment on rumours that Allied was looking to pull out of the brewing tie-up completely and had appointed Goldman Sachs to seek a buy-

er for its stake. Last year's acquisition, Domecq. also struggled during the period to cope with a slump in demand in Mexico, one of its big markets, and the collapse in the value of the peso which led to a reduction in profits from

that country from £60m to £48m. Had the current exchange rate been used throughout the period, those profits would have slumped even further to £23m.

Mr Hales painted a gloomy picture of prospects for the dominant spirits business where the large markets of Europe and North America are experiencing slow volume growth and little or no price improvement.

Growth in the retail segment was stronger with revenue from food sales in the managed pub estate up 12 per cent and drink sales 5 per cent higher. Investment Column, page 23

A new Lloyd Webber opening If the composer Sir Andrew out internationally. Last year, there were 31 Really Useful The composer's newspaper ambitions

Lloyd Webber really does end up owning part of a national news paper, it will have been a deal aunched over a capital lunch. The prolific Sir Andrew met

the bean king. Dr Tony O'Reilly for a two-hour meal recently, during which the two discussed the financial prospects of what is left of Fleet Sreet. Sir Andrew, it transpired, would quite like to own the Express, and wondered whether Dr O'Reilly, whose Heinz group is best known for its baked beans, would like to help him win it. It appears that Dr O'Reilly, who already owns the Irish Independent and other Irish titles, as well as 43 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, publishers of the Independent and the Indepen-dent on Sunday, listened more

than he talked. It would not be completely beyond the realm of possibility for Sir Andrew's Really Useful Group to stump up some cash for a national newspaper - 10 go from Starlight Exoress to the Daily Express.

The privately held group, in

are serious, writes Mathew Horsman which the entertainment giant The company has low costs and PolyGram has a 30 per cent ingenerates most of its revenues terest, has set itself the task of through the exploitation of becoming a "broadly based copyrights to many of Sir Andrew's big-selling musicals - Cats, Phantom of the Opera and entertainment company," investing the fruits of Sir Andrew's the like. In 1994, for example, uncanny commercial acumen

It is already highly profitable.



s man: Andrew Lloyd

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£46.2m on turnover of £110m, 83 per cent of it earned overseas. Sir Andrew himself was paid whopping £19m for his services as "composer", while another £36m went to other creative talent. This, clearly, is people business.

That is one reason Sir Andrew decided to take the group private in 1990, following a mere four years as a publicly quoted company. He was tired of having to write hit musicals merely to keep the share price up. He also wanted to branch out - into films, television.

enerating a box office of \$4bn. To date, 100 million people have seen a Lloyd Webber show. But can the genius behind such hits as Jesus Christ Superstar (not a Really Useful copy-right) and the most recent hit, Sunser Boulevard, successfully

productions in 12 countries

The early indications are mixed. Certainly the company's move into theatre ownership and management has been profitable. But its television and movie productions are still in their infancy: an animated version of Cats is in the works, and the company promises seven more films over

the next five years. And newspapers are but an idea; one of a hundred ideas Sir Andrew brings to the company every year, according to a spokesman. "It is far too early to say what form the interest will take, whether there will be

IoD survey reflects gloom on economy DIANE COYLE

Economics Correspondent

The Institute of Directors yesterday became the second business organisation to warn that confidence has dropped to its lowest level since Britain was

ejected from the European

exchange rate mechanism. The loD's latest survey of members found that for the first time since October 1992, the number who were less optimistic outweighed those who were more optimistic about prospects for the economy. It follows a similar finding in the Confederation of British Industry's latest survey, which reported a fall in optimism for the second month in a row, also to the low-

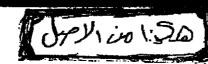
est level for three years. Both surveys were carried out before the shock fall in manufacturing output in September. Ruth Lea, head of the IoD policy unit, said these figures and games and now newspapers.
In the past five years, profits have risen 400 per cent as the made, "the spokesman said."

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make hold spending cuts to finance the tax cuts business nceds, and if there are further signs of weakening in the economy he should not hesitate to cut interest rates."

Today's Bank of England Inflation Report will reveal whether the Bank has changed its view that there is no scope for a reduction in interest rates yet. Analysts expect the report to be especially cautious as the Bank's view will depend on the Budget contents. Since a speech by Eddie George, the governor. in late September - when he said the chances were still that base rates would need to rise - the evidence has pointed to weaker activity but worse inflation than earlier in the year.

The IoD survey revealed that 30 per cent of directors have become less optimistic about the economy, compared with 28 mistic. The main worry cited by the pessimists was political uncertainty, followed by the economy's slower rate of growth.



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Bank escapes unscathed as political will fails Few could disagree with any of the central findings of the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee on City regulation.

Banking Act. Some of the committee's other suggestions would also require legislative reform. If parliamentary time is to be found Civil Service Committee on City regulation. Present arrangements are plainly deficient in many respects: most of the committee's rec-

ommendations represent an advance of some kind while remaining sufficiently unlitical support. Such is the drawback (or advantage if you believe in the consensus approach) of attempting to produce a cross-party report on these matters.

The most contentious issue - whether the Bank of England after the BCCI and Barings débucles should he stripped of its supervisory functions – is deliberately fudged. Instead, using that time-honoured Whitehall technique for playing difficult issues off into the long grass, the Treasury is invited to review the matter. The idea of a free-standing prudential supervisor of banks and building societies is described cutely as "a not inconceivable development. The unspoken view, however, is

clearly that conception is some distance off.

The Treasury, these days, is no loyal friend
of the Bank of England. Both at official and to some extent ministerial level, there is a desire to carve out for the department a new role in banking supervision and City regulation. The fact of the matter is, however, that the chances of this happening before the next election are virtually nil. Setting up a freestanding banking supervisor responsible directly to the Treasury would require a new supervision, split along industry lines. Far

for tackling City regulation at all, the country might as well be serious about it by going the whole hog and engaging in root-andbranch reform. This Government is certainly controversial to command widespread po-not going to do that. And the next, assuming it is Labour, will have rather bigger fish to fry in its early years.

So for the time being the Bank and other City regulators escape largely unscathed despite concern about the fitness of the Bank of England in particular to meet the exact ing task of supervision in today's rapidly evolving and sophisticated global financial markets. One view, reflected among a minority of committee members, is that the Bank of England's supervisory failings should be dealt with not by dismantling the present framework but by reinforcing it - by giving the Bank bigger resources and enhanced powers. It seems unlikely the Trea-

sury will go for that one, however. With no prospect of radical reform this side of the parliamentary election, what can it go for? To keep pace with the trend towards large, integrated financial conglomerates, providing a whole range of products across global markets, a more radical approach than that suggested by the select committee is required. It makes little sense to match integration and globali-

in one powerful supervisory organisation. The long-term implications, both for the Bank of England and the other regulators, are clear. It is finding a government with the time and the political will to do it that is the

problem. It will require a scandal or two more yet before the Government is finally shaken into action.

No open season in the water industry

Dublicly, Lyonnaise des Eaux yesterday de-I scribed the price cuts required as a con-dition of its takeover of Northumbrian as severe. Privately, the French must have found it hard to hide their delight, since the cuts are at the lower end of the 15 to 20 per cent range and back-end loaded, with little penalty for a new owner in the first couple of years.

Indeed, the full 15 per cent saving for consumers does not have to be put through until after the next industry-wide price review at the end of the decade, when the whole pricing regime will have been argued through again. The insistence that Lyonnaise secures a stock market quotation for its UK water business, designed to guarantee that the accounts remain transparent, is even less meaningful, since the company has 10 years to achieve the objective

the water regulator, inserted what might be called the Professor Stephen Littlechild memorial clause into his announcement.

Professor Littlechild has gone down in City lore, rightly or wrongly, as the man who sparked the electricity takeover frenzy with an unduly lenient price review. Mr Byatt is determined not to be remembered that way. "The approval by the President of the Board of Trade does not mean that the way is clear for the spate of takeovers currently under way in the electricity industry to spread to the water industry," he said.

As it happens, Mr Byatt has more fireower in his armoury than Professor Littlechild, whose advice that most of the electricity bids should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has been studiously ignored by Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade. In the water industry, merger references are mandatory. so bids cannot be nodded through by government, as Mr Lang has done with elec-tricity. That gives Mr Byatt an immediate lever, since he has a hig input into a monopolies inquiry and into subsequent negotiations over conditions.

There are other differences, too. The water companies big investment programmes leave them with only a modest cash flow, unlike the juicy amounts the Recs produce. Nor are there the same commercial

better to pool the resources and expertise | companies in the stock market, Ian Byatt, | US utilities. In the water industry, there is unlikely to be an open season - just a few poishots at stray birds.

A shared vision of the future

The "collegiate" approach to containing L costs in the newspaper industry - the idea that several titles might share back-office and production facilities - has taken on a new ease of life in these days of rising newsprint costs and intense competition for readers. But the idea is an attractive one for other industries, too. The independent television sector has been doing a version of it for years, through shared sales houses. More recently, several ITV companies got together to handle their overseas sales efforts jointly too.

The idea is beginning to catch on among retailers: witness the appearance of fast-food outlets in food malls or the sharing of retail space by branded retailers on the shop floor of big department stores. More recently still, the utilities have seen how savings can be achieved by combining billing and some after-sales services. It doesn't take a takeover to make the "collegiate" approach work. Thames Water and London Electricity see no reason why they should merge to make it work. Cut the basic costs by pooling them with competitors, and compete on the factors that really differentiate products. Could this be the future across a wide range of industries?

Davis leads bid for Reed's regionals

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Peter Davis, the former chairman of Reed Elsevier, is leading a bid to buy the Anglo-Dutch giant's UK regional newspapers. Prudential, the insurance group now headed by Mr Davis, is among the frontrunners for Reed Regional, the £220m newspaper group put up for sale earlier this year.

A further nine bidders have made formal approaches, of which four are likely to be re-

jected imminently. That leaves six serious applicants, of which at least two are believed to be newspaper groups. The rest are institutional investors, according to informed sources.

A victory for the Pru would to value publishing assets.

Despite the market con Davis, who left Reed Elsevier last year after a bitter disagreement over strategy and management structure.

Analysts last night speculated that the insurance giant might seek to break up the newspaper group and sell titles on to other buyers.

Of the remaining bidders. Midland Newspapers is believed to have made a formal offer. The company, which publishes the Birmingham Post, confirmed earlier this year that it was interested in ac-

quiring Reed Regional, the groups received Reed's sales country's largest publisher of free newspapers, with a combined weekly circulation of 4 million.

Unexpectedly, a management buy-out is not among the finalists, although key managers are thought to have aligned themselves with institutional bidders. The sale might raise as much

as £220m, according to informed sources, although estimates range as low as £150m. Last year. Reed Regional had sales of £131m. Analysis said the likelihood of further newsprint increases, coupled with declining circulation suffered by many regional newspaper titles, would depress the price to below the usual two times revenues used

tions, the free newspaper market has weathered the generally difficult climate for print media by concentrating on cutting costs and closing unprofitable titles. Moreover, there has been consolidation in the marketplace, most recently through the £327.5m sale of Thomson Regional Newspapers to Trinity. Regional newspaper owners believe further deals are likely. and that should improve prospects for the remaining

Altogether, more than 60

International, the publishing group controlled by Rupert Murdoch's News International, and the Express Group, the latter itself the subject of speculation that it is prepared to sell off its regional newspaper holdings.

memorandum, including News

A spokesman for the group continued to stress yesterday that no decision had been taken over the fate of the Daily Express, the Sunday Express, the Daily Star and the company's regional titles.

Both News International, publisher of five national titles including the Times and the Sun, and the Express, owned by United News and Media, would probably have faced insurmountable obstacles from Commission.

Analysts pointed out that companies often express formal interest in auctions in order to review confidential material. It is believed that very few of the 60 applicants seriously intend-

The sale is a stage in the disposal of Reed's consumer operations, which include its book publishing and Dutch newspaper businesses. All told. the company hopes to raise between £700m to £1bn from its





Sitting pretty: Sir Colin Marshall will be paid £200,000 for at most a two-day week as inchcape's new chairman

NIGEL COPE Just four days after he stepped down as chief executive of to seize these opportunities new corporate runway. He was

Marshall moves

into the chair

at Inchcape

British Airways, Sir Colin Marshall has already landed on a yesterday named as the new chairman of Inchcape, the struggling motor distributor and marketing group. He joins the board with immediate effect and will replace Sir David Plastow as non-executive chairman on 1 January

He will be paid £200,000 a year for a 1.5 to two-day week. fidence of the City." He will continue to spend two days a week at BA as chairman, although his modified BA salary vet been der cape says it will share Sir Colin's car and chauffeur expenses with BA. He will receive no bonuses or share options.

Sir Colin, 61, will also take up the presidency of the Confederation of British Industry next May and there was immediate criticism that he is taking on too much. He accepted as much yesterday and said that although he intends to keep his non-executive directorships of BT and the banking group HSBC, he may relinquish some of his other committee positions.

Commenting on his swift acceptance of another chairman-ship, Sir Colin said: "You have when they come in life."

Incheape said they were de-lighted to recruit Sir Colin, whom they have been courting for three months. Charles Mackay, the chief executive, said: "He has pre-eminent qualities for the job. He is very much a marketing man and we are a marketing company. He also has strong background in customer service and has the con-

Sir Colin's appointment renews several long-standing acquaintances. Charles Mackay s sat on the sam Colin at both HSBC and BA. At Inchcape Sir Colin will sit at the same board table as Liam Strong, who is a non-executive director and was formerly marketing director of BA.

Although Inchcape shares closed 7p lower at 295p, the appointment was greeted positively in the City. Inchcape's shares have underperformed the FT-SE all-share index by 56 per cent over the last three years. It has shocked the market with a series of profit warnings hit by the high yen.

Kevin: 'I was bloody arrogant'

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Kevin Maxwell said yesterday he had been bloody arrogant and for that reason had never imagined or considered the possibility of business failure. Because of that, he told an Old Bailey jury, he never believed pensioners' interests were being put at risk by transferring shares owned by BIM -Bishopsgate Investment Management, which administered the pension fund - to the Robert Maxwell Group.

Kevin said, in what turned out

to be his last meeting with his father, that Robert Maxwell told him he had transferred the beneficial ownership of some £40m worth of shares in the 1sraeli group, Teva, to RMG. They were to be paid for in the usual way through movements on the inter-company account.

In his fourth week of giving

evidence, Kevin was pressed by Alan Suckling QC prosecuting, about whether this was in the interests of the pensioners. Kevin said it was easy to say that now, with the benefit of

hindsight and knowing what had happened in the following days with his father's death and the company's collapse. He accepted, looking back, that "it beggars helief", but that was not what he was thinking at the time. "I didn't, for a minute, think or consider the possibility of my father's death and the

impact that would have." With the subsequent knowledge that the group was going to crash, he now accepted the share transfer had not been in the pensioners' interests, but at the time "there was no conception that they were not going to get their money back". He added: "It didn't occur to me." "I didn't feel sufficiently threatened commercially to panie ... if I had panicked perhaps I wouldn I be here Although RMG had probThe Maxwell Trial



lems it was expecting a sub-stantial inflow of funds and it did not occur to him "we were putting things at risk. Looking back now at the fact I didn't

answer is that I was probably bloody arrogant.

happened at the meeting with his father, he replied: "I am not inventing what my father said, I am reporting what he said. I was there, you were not."

When Mr Suckling asked: "Isn't this humbug?", Kevin told him: "Every time you get an answer you don't like, you use words like humbug."

Kevin, his brother, Ian, and Larry Trachtenberg, a former Maxwell financial adviser, deny conspiracy to defraud the pen-

was not a pensioner today who was not interested in details of their pension. Kevin told the court. He said that neither the Maxwell directors nor the banks knew of the liability to the pension funds - but that neither had asked for the information. There was no attempt to hide. He reiterated his earlier ev-

idence that "if you don't ask you don't get".



Asked by Mr Suckling why he had not, he replied: "Part of the one of the most arrogant people you will ever meet. I just could not imagine or consider failure. That, with hindsight, is

When Mr Suckling suggested he had invented what had

sion fund by misusing shares. As a result of the crash there

The trial was adjourned until today.

Barings collapse: concern grows over banking sector supervision

MPs seek debate on Bank's role

JOHN EISENHAMMER and NIC CICUTTI

A full-scale parliamentary debate into the collapse of Barings has been requested from both sides of the House of Commons amidst concern among MPs over the Bank of England's supervisory competence.

Sir Thomas Arnold, the Conservative chairman of the influential Treasury and Civil Service Committee, said yesterday he had written to Tony Newton, leader of the House, asking for a debate which would thoroughly examine the Bank of England's role. A similar request has been made by Alastair Darling, Labour's City spokesman.

Sir Thomas said there was "considerable concern" inside the Treasury Committee over the Bank's role as lead supervisor for the banking sector. In its report on financial services regulation in Britain, published yesterday, the committee recommends that the Treasury should now review the role of the Bank of England as prudential supervisor of the banking institutions."

cised financial watchdogs for their failure to prevent the pensions mis-selling scandal and their inability to ensure speedy redress for victims of bad advice. The report described as "un-

acceptable" the lengthy delays in investigating unprofessional conduct by insurance companies and financial advisers. "The fact that the task of identifying those individuals who received poor advice and calculating the level of compensation is difficult and onerous does not absolve the

regulators, and ultimately the

firms, from providing swift and

full recompense for their actions," the committee said vesterdav. The report officially raised for the first time the prospect of the Bank of England being stripped of a role it has fought vigorously in recent years to de-fend. 'A free-standing prudential supervisor of banks and building societies - answerable to and appointed by the Treasury - is not an inconceivable development. which has been given greater credibility by the events of the last

day by saying the committee had not conducted a serious investigation into banking supervision. "We do not recognise the picture the committee painted of the Bank being behind the game or out of touch with the international supervisory community. We have every idea of how to deal with the securities and derivatives markets and are continuing to improve our knowledge," the Bank said.

The Treasury committee also said it hoped to hold detailed hearings into the Barings collapse in the new year and would call former Barings executives

The MPs also warned frontline regulators such as the Securities and Futures Authority and the Personal Investment Authority that unless they ended "in-fighting and jostling for position" the law might have to be changed to abolish them and replace them with a single regulator based around the Securities and Investments

The report called for a reform

mittee said the complexity of many products, such as home income plans sold to thousands of elderly investors, made it impossible to separate lending from investment. The committee also proposed that professional bodies such as the Law Society should give up their right to regulate members' financial activities and existing watchdogs

should take over. Despite the relatively restrained wording of the report. reflecting the need for compromise, a majority of the 11strong committee expressed grave misgivings about the Bank of England's future as banking supervisor. "In the course of the parliamentary debate, I would not be happy if the Chancellor merely repeated the view that setting up a separate banking supervisor would just be changing the brass name-plate. He will have to argue his case more fully than that," Sir Thomas said.

The Treasury, which has been asked to carry out the review of the Bank, is known to be scepof the Financial Services Act to tical about the effectiveness of allow lending to be regulated by the present arrangements.

Warm fronts put dampener on M&S profits

The gloom on the high street was compounded yesterday when Marks & Spencer, the country's leading retailer, reported a downbeat set of proft figures and called for measures to boost consumer spending in the Budget.

Marks & Spencer's pre-tax profits increased by just 9 per cent to £385m in the six months to September, lower than some analysis had expected. Keith Oates, the deputy chairman, blamed the warm summer weather followed by another

mild autumn for poorer-thanexpected clothing sales. The at NatWest Securities, said: "It performance in the food halls is a disappointing performance. and in home furnishings was stronger but not enough to beat City forecasts. Mr Oates said: "One would

few years," the report said.

but we are pleased given the circumstances. We are hoping for Budget, Lower interest rates would be nice or some sort of relaxation in taxes." He added that he was confident the group would enjoy a good Christmas and was stocking more hampers and gift ranges.

John Richards, stores analyst 45 per cent though pensions M&S is supposed to be able to buck these trends and it hasn't."

But Tony Shiret of BZW was more impressed. "It's a pretty have liked to have done better commendable result. Marks & Spencer is still a strong brand that can be successfully apsome sort of stimulus in the plied to other areas such as financial services and home shopping. Group sales increased by 5.7 per cent to £3.2bn in the six

months to September. Financial

sales were slower than hoped. Clothing sales increased by just 2.7 per cent, though food sales rose by almost 6 per cent. The Brooks Brothers business

in America continues to disappoint, recording a £2.5m loss owing to mark-downs on excess stock. Losses in the Canadian operations also deepened due to competition and the difficult economic climate. The stores in Thailand and Singapore performed better. The half-year dividend was increased by 7 per activities, including the M&S cent to 3.0p. The shares closed 4p higher at 411p. chargecard, increased profit by

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St Michael joins the mortals

after all. Yesterday's figures from Britain's largest retailer were not bad given the grim trading environment but they showed that even M&S is finding it tough going on the high street at the

Pre-tax profits for the six months to September were up almost 9 per cent to £385m, boosted by a strong contribution from financial activities, which include the M&S charge card.

The main disappointment was the performance in the core clothing division, where sales increased by just 2.7 per cent. Like every other retailer M&S blames the unseasonal weather, with a summer heatwave followed by a warm autumn, which has dented sales of winter clothing. As a contrast the company says clothing sales last week were up 10 per cent on the previous year due to the recent cold snap.

Better performers were the trusty food halls, where sales increased by almost 6 per cent. Home furnishings also did well, with the wedding list proving popular.

If the picture is mixed at home it is not much clearer abroad. Brooks Brothers, the troublesome American acquisition, made a £2.5m loss in the six months compared with a modest profit in the previous year, due to markdowns on excess stock. Losses in Canada increased from £2m to £3m due to high rents, poor sales and squeezed margins.

M&S is not revealing detailed figures on the sale of pension and life assurance policies, which it started in the spring. But it is clear that sales are lower than hoped - it is not clear that the trustworthy M&S brand will necessarily prove a boon in financial services.

For M&S investors used to a steady rise in the share price, the past year has been a disappointment. Having started at 396p in January the shares have gone nowhere.

They have recently been hit by a series of downgrades ahead of vesterday's figures. Some analysts were downgrading further yesterday to £985m for the full year, compared with the £1hn previously expected.

Investors seeking a larger retail stock might be better advised to go for Boots than M&S or GUS to include exposure to the clothing sector. That said, the M&S brand name remains the strongest on the high street and, after

The City has become so accustomed to Marks & Spencer bucking the retail trend that it came as quite a shock to find that St Michael is human 4p to 411p vesterday. On a forward rating of 17 they are not cheap but a good long-term bet.

Mitigating the Allied disaster

Allied Domccq is such a disaster it is starting to look interesting. It has underperformed the market by more than a quarter over the past year and by almost 40 per cent since 1991, so institutional indignation could be rising to the point where something radical is done to reverse the tide. Whether that is a takeover, a demerger or something completely different, things can hardly get worse for shareholders, and with a 6.3 per cent yield underpinning the

shares, the downside is limited. That is the optimistic view. Taking it demands that a blind eve is turned to the string of disasters that have befailen Allied in recent years, including the ill-fated brewing merger with Carlsberg and the badly mistimed acquisition of

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Familius per Share (peoce) \$13.5

Dividends per share (pence) 7.1

by activity, 2m (6 months)

Group sales

🌊 🎉 Marks & Spencer: at a glance

Market value: £11.5bn, share price 411p

18.0

851.5

20.9

9.2

924.5

22.4 -

10.3

Share price

354.2

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the collapse of the peso in Mexico. Complicated as full-year figures to August were by a change of year-end and exceptional charges, a collapse in profits at Carlsberg Tetley from £75m to £47m, flat profits from the spirits side, including Domecq, and no growth

in retailing sent out a clear message.

In spirits, more than half of group profits, extremely modest volume growth is only being achieved at the cost of a big increase in marketing spend. Pricing, the other big profits driver, is going nowhere and once again only cost savings are keeping the wheels on - the reason a radical proposal from Hoare Govett, the broker, starts to look in-creasingly attractive. Allied is no good at marketing spirits, Hoare says, and not bad at retailing, so why not sell the booze brands, cut the link with brewing, complete the pull-out from food and concentrate on what it can do.

The broker recommends using the sale proceeds to buy Burger King from GrandMet, repurchase a tranche of shares and invest in the core pubs, off-licences and fast food franchises. Those transactions, Hoare reckons, could create shareholder value of 666p a share compared with yesterday's

cal proposal, but with a yawning gap between share price and possible value, the shares are worth holding on the off-chance that, even if Allied isn't up to the challenge, someone else may be.

Shake-up hurts Amersham

Amersham International is going through a difficult period as it moves away from its roots in radioactive chemicals for medical research. But it has also been guilty of failing to keep the City abreast of developments.

The shares tumbled 71p to 849p yesterday as analysts trimmed forecasts for the third time in 18 months on the back of worse-than-expected interim results and a cautious trading statement. Headline pre-tax profits to September inched ahead £200,000 to £19.8m. and after stripping out a £1.5m exchange gain the trading result went backwards. An interim dividend pegged at 4.9p added to the gloom.

Iwo unexpected problems wrongfooted the company and the market. A sudden shortfall in waste processing orders from eastern Germany, which shaved £3m from the turnover of the small industrial quality operation, is already being reversed. More serious and more foreseeable was a drop in US sales for Amersham Life Science. Like others in the business of supplying the research and development arms of the big drugs groups, Amersham is suffering as the industry consolidates. Divisional operating profits, up from £15.3m to £15.6m, were only kept moving by the exchange gain.

With margins typically over 20 per cent in life sciences, this continuing trend increases the pressure on Amersham to move to high value-added branded products. Management is confident new applications will stem the decline in sales of its Ceretec patented brain imaging agent.

But future hopes rest on Myoview, a second-generation heart-imaging agent, on course to be marketed in the US from early next year. And Amersham is well advanced in negotiations to pay £60m to take its stake in the Japanese Nihon Medi-Physics to 50 per cent from next year. That could add 10 per cent to earnings. Even so, a p/e of 18, based on expectations of profits this year of £48m, looks high enough.

Simon Pincombe CITY DIARES

Motor in the cathedral at the car makers' rally

An invitation to celebrate with the motor industry on the occasion of its centenary. The festivities will kick off with a service at Coventry Cathedral on 17 January to commemorate 100 years of motor manufacturing This promises to be a moving experience.

"We hope to be graced by the attendance of a member of the Royal family," promises the Lord Mayor of Coventry. "Other invitations have gone out to ministers from motor manufacturing countries, city mayors and senior figures in the motor industry and motor sport."

The highlight of the service

will be an exhibition of vintage, veteran and new cars from the car manufacturing nations, tastefully displayed in the dramatic setting of the Old Cathedral ruins".

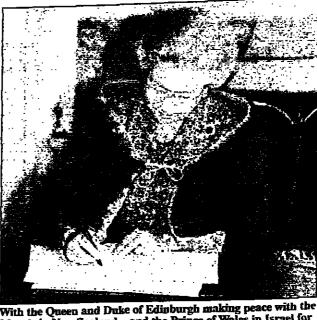
We will now sing hymn number 327. "Bring me my turbo-charge, four-wheel, off-the-road chariot of fire..."

The demographic time-bomb looks to have a shorter fuse than was thought. Research published today by Sanders & Sydney, the outplacement consultants, suggests that your career will be over bar the shouting at 42.

employers interviewed in the survey said they actively employed older people. Indeed, half believed that anyone aged over 50 had a problem while a further quarter claimed (somewhat disturbingly), that "there was a difficulty at 40". The age at which discrimination bites is

Only a small number of the

42, the survey claims. "Ageism is perceived to be an ever-increasing threat to a normal working life-span." warns Frances Cook, S&S managing director, who blames increasingly young management. Certainly employers are becoming obsessive in their prejudice. More than half those questioned admitted to being extremely



Maoris in New Zealand - and the Prince of Wales in Israel for the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin - there were suggestions that Prince William might have to be plucked out of Eton to give the Gas Bill its Royal Assent. Any list of "ripe" Bills must be signed by two Councillors of State (front-line Royals) in the monarch's absence and they were looking a bit thin on the ground this week. However, not one to tarry over gas deregulation, Princes Charles made all haste. Prince Edward, too, was pressed into service. "The Bill will be given the Great Seal by the Sealer today," intones the Lord Chancellor's Office.

irritated by the absence of age on a ČV.

On the subject of age the bloody battle for supremacy at the Institute of Public Relations has ended with a victory for the Young Turks. Simon Lewis, the 36-year-old, Oxford-educated head of corporate communications at National Westminster Bank has emerged victorious as the president-elect.

He will take the helm in 1997 after shadowing Rosemary Brook next year.
The vanquished Old

Codgers were represented by the fiftysomethingish Peter Walker. But with many of the Institute's 5,000 members on the maturer side Mr Lewis will have his work cut out to create a one-nation state.

The new mouthpiece of the London Stock Exchange is Claire Mascall, who joins as head of corporate affairs next month. She replaces Kate Bowes on the LSE executive and takes over 26 staff. Experience is something she is not short of. She has worked in the steel, electricity, nuclear power, banking and construction industries, with companics such as British Steel and Barclays. She also handled the TSB float.

Good news for anxious users of the Sun Life desk diary. The entire print run of the 1996 edition, "which TNT managed to lose somewhere between the producers and ourselves" has been discovered in a wood yard in North Yorkshire.

National Power clashes with GEC over delays

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

National Power is to claim £20m from GEC Alsthom over cent to 5.4p, helped by a share of the Board of Trade. delays with its latest gas-fired buy-back in March. power station at Little Barford. Bedfordshire, which was due to be operating in the spring. The plant is not now expected to be up and running unul early next year.

The extent of the problem with Little Barford emerged as National Pawer announced a 20 per cent increase in pre-tax

profits to £254m in the first half of the year. Earnings per share rose by 12 per cent to 15.6p and the dividend increased by 24 per

The company also confirmed its gearing will rise to 150 per cent as a result of its £2.8bn planned takeover of Southern Electric, the regional electricity supply company in the south of England, falling back again within a few months. National Power revealed that it now

owns, or has acceptances, in re-

spect of more than 50 per cent of Southern's shares, although the takeover has yet to be approved by Ian Lang, President

Keith Henry, who became chief executive seven months ago, said: "The results are a solid performance in an increasingly competitive generation market where prices as well as our market share have fallen.' National Power's market share fell to 30 per cent in the 27 weeks to 1 October, compared with 32 per cent a year before.

tions, for which there are four

future operation of the plants. Mr Henry said that he expects to hear the Government's verdict on Southern Electric around 20 November. "The ball is in the court of the Office of

bidders, could bring in £1bn for

National Power, in addition to

further payments related to the

After the proposed sale of Fair Trading. The strength of this bid to be referred because three major power stations as our case is paramount. We can it marks the beginning of signequired by Offer, the industry see no reason on the grounds inficant vertical integration beregulator, the market share will of competition why this bid tween power generation, fall to between 20 and 25 per should be referred to the Mo-distribution and supply - a cent. The sale of the power sta- nopolies and Mergers Com- structure that was dismantled

> National Power, which bid for Southern after three earlier takeovers of regional firms were cleared, took heart from last week's approval of the acqusition of Norweb by North West Water. It is thought that Pro-fessor Stephen Littlechild, director general of Offer, wants

before the industry was privatised five years ago. He is likely to hold similar views on PowerGen's £1.9bn bid for Midlands Electricity, also awaiting the green light from Mr Lang. But there is a widespread

view that any objection by Pro-fessor Littlechild would be overruled by the Government.

	COMPAI	YY RESUL	S	
	Tiarnoves £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Allied Domecq (F)	6.05bn (5 62bn)	494m (628m)	22.6p (37.6p)	11.8p (-)
Amerskan Internatol (I)	164m (163m)	19.8m (19.6m)	20.1p (20 8p)	4.9p (4.9p)
Angilan Water (1)	372m (358m)	126m (121m)	41.2p (38.7p)	8 9p (8p)
Bath Press Group (I)	17.9m (16.1m)	1.15m (0.94m)	0.67ø (0 56p)	0.14p (oil)
85ky8 (Q)	215m (157m)	50.8m (24.4m)	3 Op (1.8p)	n# (nil)
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MAM (I)	129m (129m)	63.6m (57m)	24.3p (21.9p)	6p (4.5p)
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IN BRIEF

Century Inns to try for another float

Century Inns. the tenanted pub company, is having another go at coming to the market, nine months after a previous flotation attempt was scuppered by the launch of an OFT investigation into wholesale prices. Century is expected to have a market value of about £50m and plans to raise new funds of £30m to invest in its portfolio of pubs. Century has 316 outlets, including just eight which are managed by the company. A target of 450-500 pubs has been set and the company expects a return on capital of 20-25 per cent per pub.

US health food group mounts challenge

General Nutrition Companies, an American retail group that specialises in vitamin and healthfood stores, plans to open a chain of 400 healthfood shops in the UK, challenging the dominance of Holland & Barratt and Boots. GNC, which has 2,300 shops worldwide, yesterday acquired Health & Diet Group, a privately owned chain of 22 stores for an undisclosed sum. GNC says it will start its opening stores under its own name next year.

Lottery ravages sales at WEW

Consumer spending on the National Lottery is continuing to ravage sales at What Everyone Wants, the discount clothing chain. Like-for-like sales slumped 16 per cent in the three months to August and by 19 per cent in the three months since. Peter Carr, chairman, said the lottery, combined with weak consumer spending and mistakes in its fashion offering, had pushed the company into loss in the second half. However, WEW shares rose 3p to 17p yesterday as pre-tax profits increased 25 per cent to £4.1m, largely due to reduced losses from discontinued operations.

AMEC appoints new boss

The construction group AMEC has appointed Peter Mason, currently chairman and chief executive of rivals Balfour Beatty, as its new chief executive. BICC, which owns Balfour Beatty, said Mr Mason would leave his post at the end of January next year to be replaced by Mike Welton, the construction subsidiary's joint managing director.



BP still waiting for the gasman

Industrial Correspondent

BP beat lower oil prices and problems in the chemicals market to come in with replacement cost profits of £532m in the third quarter of the year, an increase of 28 per cent over the same pe-

riod in 1994. The results were at the top end of City analysts' expectations, underlining BP's strong position after struggling back

from the crisis days of 1992. The dividend was increased to 4p from 2.5p previously, bringing the total for the nine months to 11p. The shares closed unchanged at 469p. David Simon, chairman, said:

"This is top-of-the-league performance. It is a choppyish environment but we are comfortable with our position in it. We are confident we can maintain our competitive position and we are seeing more and more opportunities for growth." Mr Simon said that BP's "self-help" strategy of improving efficiency, extending the range of products and reducing costs continued to bear fruit. The company has taken \$300m out of the cost base so far this

year and plans to cut a further

\$100m in the fourth quarter, and \$300m in 1996.

BP was showing a trend towards "disciplined growth", but would not be ready to talk about the next phases of its expansion until next year. It also emerged that British

Gas has failed to request a meeting with BP, one of the largest North Sea producers, to re-open long term contracts in spite of a public row over gas prices and terms. British Gas has been calling for government support to help renegotiate contracts with a range of producers, which it claims are forcing it to take hundreds of millions of pound worth of gas

it cannot yet sell. The debacle over contracts came to a head last month when Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, warned that the problem could have serious consequences for British Gas. But John Brown, BP chief exccutive, said yesterday: "We have had no written request from British Gas for any renegotiation nor have we had any formal discussions. Our position is that contracts are contracts and it is important we have regard to the value of those contracts for our shareholders."



Disciplined growth: David Simon, chairman of BP which beat lower oil prices and flat chemicals Photograph: UPPA

Mr Simon said, though no approach had been made, BP would be willing to talk about it. It is thought BP is taking no market.

about £10m a quarter from British Gas under "take or pay" deals for gas for which there is

New subscribers double BSkyB earnings

MATHEW HORSMAN

Media Editor

Buoyed by increased dish sales and more than 200,000 new subscribers, cable and satellite company BSkyB yesterday announced sharply higher first-quarter earnings of £50.8m, double the figure last year. The shares rose 16p to 486p on the news, as some analysts

moved to mark up their fore-A total of 214,000 new subscribers signed up for the com-

pany's services, which include news, entertainment and sports. as well as speciality channels supplied by other broadcasters for distribution via BSkyB's pay-TV system. Sky now reaches 4.38 million homes by satellite or cable.

Sam Chisholm, chief executive, said: "Recent sales per-formance has been particularly strong and we enter the peak pre-Christmas selling season with our best line-up of entertainment, sport and new channels. He added that the addition of seven new channels in November fuelled subscriber growth in late summer and Eutumn. The Disney Channel in-troduced on 1 November, is expected to power dish sales

through the second quarter. The number of customers subscribing via cable grew by 56 per cent over the comparable period last year, with direct-tohome subscriptions increasing

by 35 per cent. All told, subscriptions accounted for 85 per cent of enues generating 10 per cent, up by 17 per cent since last time. Operating costs climbed by 37 per cent like-for-like, of which programming costs accounted for 59 per cent. Spending on sports was primarily responsi-ble for the rise.

On the all-important "pay-to-basic" ratio (the number of subscribers who take premium movie and sports channels), the company reported further growth, with 57 per cent of all customers taking all the extra-

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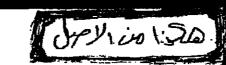
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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

Water shares steamed up on Northumbrian go-ahead Speculators splashed around in Eastern Electricity and moving water shares following White- into generators, was linked hall's delayed clearance of the with Eastern's water counter-

French bid for Northumbrian same bid frenzy that has enexcited talk of more crossutility deals on the lines of North West Water's takeover of Norweb. Indeed, some believe proposed deals have been bottled up until the Govern-

naise des Eaux ambitions towards Northumbrian. Although the French group complained the conditions it would have to meet were "severe", it is expected to launch its offer quickly with the stock market anticipating a bid in the region of 1,150p; Northumbrian, excited by the prospect, surged 66p to 1,074p in brisk

part - Anglian, up 13p at 578p. The two Welsh utilities were Optimists are banking on also seen as natural fits with, waters being subjected to the so the story went, Welsh Wasame bid frenzy that has en-livened electricities. There is Electricity. A bid, said the allegedly well-informed, will materialise today. So SWE jumped 28p to 988p and Welsh Water rose 11p to 754p. Other waters flowed strongly with Thames achieving a 20p gain ment pronounced on Lyonto 536p.

Heavy restructuring costs have in the past damaged the prospects for water takeover bids. There was also a theory the Government would be reluctant to allow a similar takeover romp to that which has engulfed electricities. But its decision to give the all-clear to the Lyonnaise des Eaux initiative is prompting a rapid rethink. Besides the defensive



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter of the year

op, with French and US utilities moving in. Utilities did not enjoy any exclusivity of the takeover speculations. Banks in general, and TSB in particular, made

seas interest is likely to devel-

sure of that. Rumours a counter-bidder is prepared to barge into the cosy deal Lloyds Bank has arranged with TSB Group intensified, lifting TSB 16.5p to 39op. Commerzbank, the German group, remains the favourite to strike.

Lloyds added 18.5p to 816p and National Westminster Bank, said to be close to buying the privately-owned HM Rothschild merchant bank,

gained 12p to 649p. Standard Chartered, once a Lloyds target now seen as a possible HSBC victim, improved 8p to 525p. Utilities and banks pushed the stock market ahead with the FT-SE index up 7.6 points at 3,522.4. Trading was much busier than recently with turnover nudging 800 mil-

lion shares. Glaxo Wellcome was again in form, gaining 16p to 887p. Today's analyst meeting and the US Food and Drug Administration clearance for its Epivir drug for treating the HIV virus encouraged the

Guinness, however, was a casualty of an investment the market braced itself for profit downgrades.

Caradon, the building materials group, was another hit by worries of analytical knives, falling 8p to 177p with one 250,000 trade completed at

British Gas had an eventful

session, diving 6p on the poor statement from Calor. But the price was quickly squeezed to 228p, off 0.5p, with what was seen as sympathetic noises from British Petroleum over the-take-or-pay gas contracts helping sentiment. Calor fell

20p to 237p. Results hit Amersh ternational 71p to 849p but Ailied Domecq managed to hold at 493p despite predictably flat figures. BSkyB jumped 16p to 386p on results.

Inchcape dipped 7p to 295p with a downgrading by SBC Warburg, the company's bro-

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Marshall. TI, the engineer, vestment meeting and RPB, the plaster board group, put on 9p

to 299p in response to a NatWest Securities push. ering line of stock.

Chubb, the security group. was firm at 333p. Interim results are due next month and Williams de Broe expect a 15 per cent advance to £44.9m. Rhino, the computer games

retailer, lost some of its recent emberance, falling 4p to 12.5p, but bid speculation continued to inflate Bluebird, the toys group, up 10p to 386p.

Neotronics Technology
added 8p to 53p after announcing the development of

a "electronic nose", a smell

Environmed, the struggling healthcare group, added an-other 3p to 23p.

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meeting, falling 20p to 489p as of new chairman Sir Colin MAID, the business information group, climbed 8p to added 5p to 440p on an in- 318p in busy trading. US investors were said to be shopping abead of the expected American share launch next week. In US eyes MAID's Reckitt & Cohman, off op at shares are cheap and there is 651p, was unsettled by a hov- a temptation to get hold of stock before first time transatlantic dealings get under way. MAID made 60 US presentations in 10 days to get its US listing off the ground. The US float will produce

> Town Centre Securities, the Leeds-based property group run by the Ziff family, fell 4p to 8Sp as a turnover of nearly 24 million shares was printed. Four big deals went through at 82p. There was speculation the Ziffs were lessening their involvement, but it seems the selling was by one of TCS's institutional

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commanding on centre stage as he used to be in a centre's shirt. "No dramatic rule changes." he said. almost adding. George Bush-like: "Read my lips. No dramatic changes."

As a highly influential frontman for the Super League. Meninga comes up with the right sound bites. But there are others, who wield even more clout than he does, singing a

subtly different tune. Take this, for instance, "We'll make rugby league look like vou ve never seen it before." It is not exactly "steady as she ries of suggestions. This way, the

Mai Meninga was every bit as pert Murdoch, in an interview with the Australian last month. Meninga was in England this

week for the launch of the European end of Murdoch's Super League empire. He had to help make the future sound exciting - which it is - but, at the same time, reassuringly familiar,

something it may well not be. The fact of the matter is that Super League is going to have to deliver the goods for television. As Meninga admitted on Monday, meetings of Super League coaches in Australia have already come up with a segoes" - and it comes from Ru- game can still claim to be in the

seeks to satisfy its influential backers, argues Dave Hadfield driving seat; logic dictates, however, that it is the changes which will suit the screen that

will be adopted.

The word from Australia is that those changes will include stopping the clock for goalkicks, unlimited substitutions, moving all scrums 20 metres in-field and, possibly, dividing

games into four quarters. Although Meninga and the driving force behind the Super League in Britain, Maurice Lindsay, were at pains to point

out that nothing will happen the different practices back without an international consensus, such revisions of the rules would move the code further away from its heritage as a continuous game played, for the most part, by the same 13

The overriding need to package the game as telegenic entertainment has already started here with the dramatic opening up of play under the 10-metre offside rule. One have when it starts in March is Australian observer, used to

the London Broncos' match against St Helens last week and said: "I have seen the future of rugby league and it's called basketball."

It looks good on TV, but, as a live diet week after week, it can be curiously unsatisfying and bloodless.

One problem that Super have when it starts in March is that too many matches will be unbalanced. A solution is al-ready suggesting itself: the side that scores kicking off and their

opponents getting possession. Changes will be as dramatic as they need to be to make the Super League work. And, five years down the line, when the first Super League contract expires, the more far-sighted clubs are preparing themselves for a whole new ball-game. What some of them expect to be doing then is playing in a truly European competition, involving

teams from what are now rugby union clubs. Will that be under rugby league rules as we know them? The truth is that we do not know, or that those who do

know are not saving. What Murdoch has said is that it will be done his way - or else. If we've failed in rughy league we'll move on to the next sport and the next one and avbe we'll come back to rugby league one day soon, or later. We'll see."

We will, starting next March. Oldham's coach. Andy Goodway, believed to be on a shortlist of three for the coaching job of new Super League club Paris, will have talks about his future with Oldham's chairman, Jim Quinn, tomorrow.

Hamed unable to defend his title

Boxing

hand injury to Naseem Harned means that he is unable to make his first defence of the World Boxing Organisation feather weight title and will surrender the spotlight to two of Britain's bread-and-butter champions at London Arena on December.

Hamed sustained a fractured right hand while preparing for the fight against the unbeaten Mexican, Amulfo Castillo, "The specialist says he will not be able to fight before the end of January at the earliest," said Andy Ayling for the promoter Frank

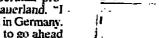
Hamed, who stopped the Welshman Steve Robinson to become champion, is now scheduled to meet Castillo later in the year. In his place, Ross Hale and Paul Ryan top the bill in a triple light-welterweight title fight which presents both men with a big chance to make the most of prime-time exposure - and to press a claim for a WBO world championship chance.

Herbie Hide will also not fight on 9 December, having decided to forgo a £120,000 purse to challenge for the European heavyweight title in Stuttgart. He has withdrawn from a bout against the Croatian holder, Zelkjo Mavrovic, because he is not keen to fight in Germany.

It would have been Hide's first ring appearance since los-ing his WBO title to Riddick Bowe in Las Vegas in March a fight which earned him £2m and was scheduled to support the Axel Schulz-Frans Botha bout for the vacant International Boxing Federation heavy-

weight championship. Hide was forced to pull out of the original 15 September date against Mavrovic in his home town of Norwich after undergoing an operation on his jaw which required the removal of wisdom teeth.

The European Boxing Union then put the bout out to purse bids, with the biggest offer coming from a German pro-moter, Wilfred Sauerland. "I didn't want to fight in Germany. I wanted the fight to go ahead in front of my own fans in Nor-wich," Hide said.



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The number of times Argentina and Brazil will have played each other at full international level after tonight's football friendly in Buenos Aires. So far, Argentina have won 30 of the matches and

Leadbetter stays ahead of the game Golf's No 1 guru reveals the secrets of his phenomenal success to Richard Edmondson

an Baker-Finch is an exception. As he towed round a gallery with a liking for the macabre at St Andrews in July, the Australian's horrible deterioration picked away at the invincibility of David Leadbetter. the sport's foremost coach, Baker-Finch is a rarity in golf.

a man taught by Leadbetter and a man going backwards. His slide into the crevasse has coincided with a season of calm ty of his system, for the little box for the high-

profile Leadbetter clients - 'Nick Faldo has Nick Faldo, Nick Price and always been a Ernie Els – and put a confident grinder, though he note into the voices of those is not as technical who like to criticise the guru. AS SOME DEODIE One Ryder make out' Cup-winning

player has already suggested that Leadbetter will be no force within the game in a decade's time, while others are emerging from the foxholes with the practised line that his methods are too eccentric, his

players too robotic. Leadbetter himself hears these noises. "It's only human that people look at what you're or rubber tubing with a weight doing and have their own ideas about it," he said on a recent visit to Britain to promote his new book. "But I don't let that worry me hecause I just enjoy what I do. You can't make everyone happy all the time, but I work with so many players that hopefully one of them is going

Els's success in last month's

the camp and at Oakhill in September he should have carried a flag that was a reversible Stars and Stripes and EC pennant. such was his involvement with players on both sides during the Ryder Cup. But then the Sussex-born man with the tones of Ian Smith always has a good

chance of a vicarious victory. Leadbetter has made his name partly for the peculiariof tricks he

likes to carry

around with him. He has made Faldo practise while wearing water wings, asked the great man to take his shoes off and play, and also ries of har-

nesses that appear to have come from a Spanish Inquisition catalogue. have been scooped up after a quick dash into the garage.

"I've used footballs between people's arms and beach balls between their knees," he said. "I've had them swinging a mop on the end to get a feeling of



Half-way down the swing a picture comes into his mind that he'll either hit it out of bounds or even miss it altogether."

Price's mind has been full of contracts and deals for much of this season, which is Leadbetter's reasoning for this protege's Sadly, nothing can help the lack of impact in the majors, bathetic Baker-Finch who, just while the teacher believes his four years after an Open victory prize pupil, Faldo, will soon be at Birkdale, makes his part of on top of the rostrum again. "I the golf course a hard-hat area. don't know why he hasn't won "In basic terms, he has now got more tournaments this year, but the vips with the driver," Lead- it is going to happen." Leadbetter said. "He tells me that better said. "It's a bit like askwhen he stands up there he has ing why didn't it rain very World Matchplay was a fillip for a mental image of disaster, much this summer. We all

know it's going to happen again one day and you can also sense Nick Faldo's drought will not continue for much longer."

Like Mark McCormack, from a man in a single round seem to make out." of golf than 100 business meetings. Leadbetter considers the golf course is a hig, alfresco confessional, where each player gives himself away. Swings match personalities to a large extent," he said. "Ernie has a long, flowing lazy swing, which is just like him; Nick Price has a twisted, compact swing, which is how he is, an aggressive,

snappy fellow who thinks quickly and speaks quickly: and Nick Faldo has always been a grinder and he's an analytical person, though he is not who believes he can learn more as technical as some people

Leadbetter's golfing technique must therefore be fluent and well-practised. He has a communicator's fluidity with words, and also the neat conversational stratagem of dropping in people's christian names. "That's right, Sybil," he told listeners to Ruscoe On Five from Broadcasting House for material gain but for the satin London, and then, a quick isfaction of improving a golfer,

walk across Portland Place to the Langham Hilton and a light snack later, he insisted 'that's a very good question, Richard".

With his books, videos, schools and retreats - two-day courses which cost \$3,500 (£2,400) a man – all of which he calls "the marketing stuff". David Leadbetter, who once nearly became an accountant, probably needs a team from that profession to look after his affairs. He maintains, however, he does his job not principally

be it the world No 1 or the chap who once startled him in an airport toilet with the suggestion that Leadbetter was the perfect man "to give him a hand".

*Analysing the golf swing is a bit like being a detective. he said. "You have the case in front of you and you have to solve the mystery." While Baker-Finch may now perform as though he has been programmed by Clouseau, there are still plenty of cases to support the belief that David Leadbetter is the best in his field.

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Applause fades for Swinburn

Greg Wood reports on how this year's Derby-winning rider has been sidelined

began well enough, with victory on Lamintarra in the Derby at Epsom, but it deteriorated when he lost the ride on the same horse in his subsequent aces and ended on a lower note still yesterday when a Dear Walter letter dropped on to his mat informing him that Sheikh Maktoum Al Maktoum no longer wished to retain Swinburn as his first jockey.
The Sheikh's publicity ma-

chine insisted that he had not been sacked, but from the jockev's point of view at least, it is a semantic destinction. Swinburn has enjoyed considerable success in Sheikh Maktoum's royal blue and white silks since cation in the day-to-day business his contract began in 1992, including Group One victories on Hatoof (1,000 Guineas) and Ezzond (International Stakes, twice). He had previously partnered other top-class winners for the Sheikh, including Sha-reef Dancer in the Irish Derby and Shadeed in the Queen

Elizabeth II Stakes, The letter to Swinburn from his former employer, Gains-borough Stud, said: "We do not wish to retain a jockey for the 1996 season. As you are fully aware, Sheikh Maktoum is very much involved with the Godolphin operation and and has given a considerable number of horses to his friends, who as you know make their own arrangements regarding trainers and

The letter also states that the

Walter Swinburn's Flat season Sheikh hopes Swinburn will ride for him whenever possible and thanks him for his past suc-

Whether any future bookings will include the mount on Royal Applause, one of this year's juveniles and a 14-1 chance for next year's 2.000 Guineas, must be doubtful, however. Swinburn will be bitterly disappointed if yesterday's news means he will be denied good rides in major races in which he so often shines.

The jockey himself is not too keen on his reputation as a man for the big occasion, which carries with it an implication that other riders have more appliof race-riding. What is beyond dispute, though, is Swinburn's

coolness when it really matters. Famously, he overslept on the morning of the 1981 Derby. even though he was due to partner Shergar, the odds-on favourite, at Epsom that afternoon. He ended this year's Flat turf season with 60 winners to his credit, 52 short of his best total, recorded in 1990.

A statement issued by Swinburn last night insisted that his "very warm and cordial relations" with the Sheikh and other members of his family would not be affected. He added: "Over the past few years I have had the honour to ride many horses for Sheikh Maktoum Al Maktoum - and I look forward to riding many more in the years



Damien Oliver's army: the rider of Melbourne Cup victor Doriemus is acclaimed by supporters

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BETTING: 7-4 Hops And Pops, 2-1 Great Manuess, 9-4 land, 12-1 Thane. 1994: Spring Maratters 4 11 4 P Holley 3-1 Mrs P Duffeld; 5 ran FORM GUIDE

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MAD could surprise Flops And Pops on this last ground, imad has it to do at the weights but he did beat a fair sort in the Detector at Wordester e year ago and is even more effective on this laster surface. Still a young horse at five, limad showed improved form to win a decern transface on the Flat at Goodwood in July, beating Upper Mount Clair and Sataman, and he was fair from disgraced when finishing 12th in the Casarewritch, it has been some time since Hops And Pops who on ground as last as this — it was good at Ascott on her second start last term when she was left behind by Bende Not 10 and company — and she certainly likes the mid far better. The plus for her, apart from her superior form, is her first-time-up with last seventh and the excellent form of her stable. With the nace very stow Sinest Manson and the excellent form of her stable. With the pace very slow, Great Ma quees had no chance to show his staying ability against Cab On Target at Wetherby last time. He was very game when beating Lathib here (3m) previously and this former top-class flat stayer acts well on fast ground. Thanke looks a no-hoper after poor showings since winning small roces early in the season.

2.50 HIGHLAND FINANCE HERITAGE CONDITIONALS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £3,701. 242-334 DR ROCKET (11) (The Rocketeers) R Dadon 10 11 10 5400-54 VICOSA (IRE) (7) (Diamond Raong Litt) R Almer 6 11 9 550205- RAMSTAR (203) (D) (A Loze) P Hobbs 7 11 9 - 3 declar BETTING: 7-4 Ramster, 15-8 Dr Rocket, 5-2 Vicosa.

FORM GUEDE

has changed stables since last Season. A dual soft-ground chase winner Nicholson, he disappointed with Charlie Mann last term. Selectio

Crop denied another Cup harvest

Amid talk of an "irregular" pre-race drugs swab, Double Trigger's attempt to bring the Melbourne Cup to the northern hemisphere for the second time in three years ended in bitter successful resident of Johndisappointment yesterday, writes Greg Wood.

Mark Johnston's stayer, win-ner of the Ascot Gold Cup in June, was sent off the 7-2 favourite by a huge crowd at Flemington Park but faded tamely into 17th in a 21-runner field after tracking a strong early pace. The winner was Doriemus, a 10-1 chance, while Vintage Crop, who won the race for Ireland two years ago, finished strongly into third after finding trouble in running.

Before the race, Australian television reported that Double Trigger had returned an "irregular swab", but the local stewards allowed him to take his place in the stalls after an assurance from his trainer that the colt was well. "I can't explain it." Johnston said. "The stewards also took a post-race sample from him and told me at this stage not to be too concerned. I told them I had given him nothing beforehand. The result from the second sample will not be known for a week.

Jason Weaver, Double Trigger's jockey, could offer no explanation for his poor run. "I am very disappointed," he said. The horse was never comfortable in the race and from 1600 metres out there was no petrol in the tank. Maybe he has had a long year."

On Doriemus, by contrast, Damien Oliver rode an immensely confident race, held up in the early stages from his wide

from home. He quickly went clear to beat Nothin' Leica Dame, at 20-1, by four lengths. Vintage Crop (8-1) and Quick Ransom (20-1), formerly a very ston's yard, filled the minor

sport

Lee Freedman, Doriemus's trainer, was winning the Cup for the third time, but while he celchrated, Dermot Weld, trainer of Vintage Crop, could only reflect on his runner's misfortune. Vintage Crop was last after a furlong, but came with a brilliant

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Hops And Pops (Newbury 2.20) NB: Cherrynut (Worcester 2.30)

run under Mick Kinane in the final two furlongs to take third. "He was taken out after 50 yards and then stopped again with seven furlongs to run," Weld said. "That left him with an impossible task in such soft ground but he has run a great race none the less. I would say that he was the same horse here as on the day he won the race back in 1993."

Oliver dedicated the success to his father, killed in a fall in a race when his son was just three years old. "My only regret is that my father isn't here to share this special moment," Oliver said. "The last 200 metres were the longest of my life, but it is a dream come true for me to win the race. Lee Freedman can be a hard taskmaster. but that's what I need at times."

Freedman's post-race comments were simple and direct. "Great horse, great ride, great effort," he said. "This is the draw, but making rapid progress effort," he said. "This is in the stretch to lead a furlong biggest thrill of my career."

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Golden Mater. (2.20) won at Lirdow on Tuesday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Star Rags (3,74) has been. → 1.1 miles by J L Harris from Eastwell, Lowestershare. Crack On (1,20) & Ramstar (2,50) sent 108 rules by P J Hobbs from Bifbrook. Sometset.

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Rad Simpson bought La Khoured from France and prited the gelding against Silver Wedge at Chestenham on his debut for nim. The gelding looked a bir slow afterwards but Louise Murphy has taken him over and the Worcester win from the promising bumper horse Exe-

nor Profiles gues hope for further successes. How Le Phounif copes with this fast ground (plus the shorter trip) is difficult to predict, though the same applies to the other pair who (plus the shorter trip) is difficult to predict, though the same applies to the other pair who jump hurdies for the first time. CRAIX ON, a year older than the Khoumf and getting 5lb, has the bumper form to respect, having caught the hardy Speedwell Prince at Uttoweth on his debut. The win was gained in a faster time than the more expenenced French Buck in the second division and Philip Hobbs, who trains another decent bumper horse in Astwell Boy, has his team in figiture form. Wild West Whild lived up with his substitor stablemate Red Blazer for the big bumper at the Cheltenham Festival atter beating Charming Grif in the soft at Wincanton. He should do well at this hurding game with his dam winting four times in Ireland. Selection: CRACK ON,

THE EIGH LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS

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It was on Golden Miller Chese day at Cheftenham last year of the VICTOR BRAVO and Jamie Osborne proved a winning combination from Lemon's Mill in a stayers' handcap hardle on fast ground. They team up again boday and Victor Bravo, despite his problems since, will take the beating after his needed outing at Wanneck 11 days ago when change home altherway winner Dymphan over on inadequate the (22/am), it must be a poor race with Chepredy Lad heading the weights. He has not shown that much since his punific point win two years ago, though he shaped well against Cherminut at Worcester 16 days ago when lack of a recent run first outing for five months) bound him out. Miss Musire had no change against Capitain Khedhie at Kempton three weeks ago following a length; by-off. She won a couple of pomis two years ago and could play a part today with a feather weight on ground she has son on. From the Clower is him a yeard that has had a couple of recent tunners, the improvement is needed on last season's chasing attempts – his latest second is From all for the closer of the first him series affort the term offer lattle is way of enat Towcester being in a moderate four-horse affair. Precious Juno won a -numble at Lucklow over a year ago and her chase efforts this term offer little i

couragement. Fast Rum may have won a point on fast ground two years and but he was bearen in selling hurdles last term and has a lay-off to overcome. Selection: VICTOR BRAVO.

2.20 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £4,841

HOPS AND POPS (196) (The Happy Band) R Ainer 8 10 13

DOSA is the least exposed of this tino and shaped reasonably well on his chasing debut when a 1.7-length fourth to stablemate Rev. To The Restute at Kempton last week. A three-time hundles winner in relaind, he showed tittle last season for Steve Gollings, but the suitch to new surroundings may have had the desired effect. Dr Rocket seems to have determine rated, though he takes on two modest rivals and at least won twice last season. Like Vizosa

3.20 HALLOWE'EN NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £3,626

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-5 doctored -- 5 declared -BETTING: 8-4 Bertone, 7-4 So Bullistic, 7-2 Soldien Madjambo, 10-1 Master Ryon, 18-1 Ove Wizzt 1994: Montebel 6 11 0 C Llewelyn 9-1 (N Twiston-Daws 8 cm FORM GUIDE

GO BALLISTIC does not find too much when coming off the bit but he has reportedly jumped really well at home and his turn of toot at this more seriate pace after hurding will make him hard to contain. A former bumper winner for David Nicholson, Go Ballisto was very information to the property of the property of the property and the property of the pressive at Doncaster last March when he beat a big field with a teiling kick from the horn time. Bentone was clear of Sweet Duke when he fell at the last at Perth early last season suffering a leg injury in the process. His jumping form after the by-oif has been a shade dis appointing but he is sure to appreciate the step up in distance after a second to Storm Fal-con at Cheterham. Bottlein Madjantbo is in a stronger roce after doing nothing wrong when bearing a poor bunch at Ludlow yesterday. Master Ryon won a Larkhill point to-point ow. and a half years ago and his next start was 12 months later. This outing is likely to be need

3.50 COLD ASH NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m 110yds Penalty Value £2,824

- 4 declared -SETTING: 7-4 Drymmoud Warrior, 9-4 Star Rage, 11-4 Yes Man, 9-2 Romalito.

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Star Rage should reish this top on his knowned ground after contesting the Casarewitch. But preference is for DRUMMOND WARRIOR, who was repeatedly checked when making progress at Assot (2½mi) 11 days ago. The opposition may have been weak but Drummond Warmor looked sound when he finally got his head in from and he came clear for a 14-length win. Intte has gone right for Yes Main since his third at Worcester two years ago to the day. Well backed at Exeter on his repopearance last week, Yes Main justified the confidence, though the statement the most effect of the Repotence of the last gone to produce the top the Association of the produce of the produce of the Repotence of the last gone to produce the top the Association of the Produce of the Pro only just against the modest Little Hookgan, and this longer trip should be to his advantage the celding having won a point in Ireland. Selection: DRUMMOND WARRION the gelding having won a point in Ireland.

Maguire moves up

Adrian Maguire, whose start to the season was delayed by injury, moved into fourth place in the jump jockeys' title race with a treble at odds of more than 8-1 at Sedgefield yesterday. Maguire has now had 27 winners this season.

cheekiest on the first of his treble, 8-13 favourite Iffeee. "He just wants to be a nose in front as fast as what's behind him he's very clever!"

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SIS RACING CHOOSE

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Gospel (2:30) won at Win-canton on Saturday, Super Biles (3:00) won at Newton Abiot on Wednesday, Newhall Prince (3:30) won at Discrete on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: The Tiger Hunter (4:00) has been sent 174 miles by J M Jefferson from Norton, North Yorkshire.

1.00 RAYBURN 300 SERIES NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 4f

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LINGFIELD

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BETTNE; 7-2 Upper Mount Civir, 5-1 Laranh, 6-1 What's Socreto, 7-1 La Brief, Doddington Flyer, 8-1 Coloridge, 10 Hever Golf Lady, 12 others.

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Hammam rages at Dons' 'rape'

Football

Wimbledon's managing director. Sam Hammam, is ready to spend £20,000 to compile a special video to prove his muchmaligned team are being regu-larly victimised - reserces. He has also called for an independent inquiry, headed by the Premier League and Football Association, to sit in judgement on the issue.

The move follows the dismissal at Nottingham Forest on Monday of Wimbledon's cap-tain. Vinnie Jones, It was the 10th time he has been shown the red card in his turbulent career. including a dismissal in September against Liverpool when video evidence subsequently persuaded the FA to cancel an automatic suspension.

Monday's events produced another outburst from the Dons' manager, Joe Kinnear, who said the referee. Paul Alcock, and a linesman were "disgraceful, very poor and dreadful." All this on the night Kinnear returned to his place on the bench after a six-month touchline ban imposed last sea-son, along with a £1,500 fine, for abusing two other referees.

The FA will examine the transcript of Kinnear's remarks before deciding on any action but Hammam fully supports his. manager's theory that officials are biased against the South



"I want people to see we are being treated differently from everyone else, as I am con-vinced it is true." Hammam said. "We will supply the evidence if the FA allows us to do so and, if that evidence shows we are thugs and villains, we must think of some other way of dealing with it.

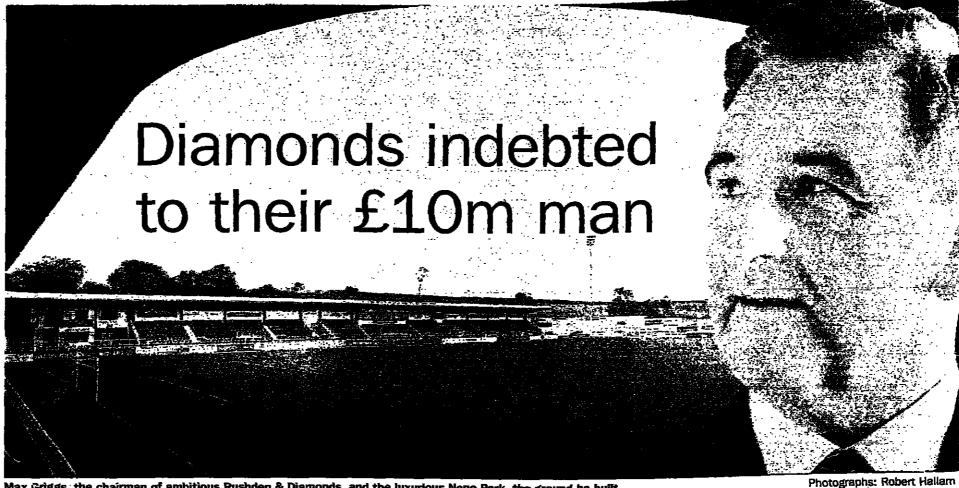
But my certain feeling is we are being raped week in, weekout by referees and linesmen, and it just cannot go on." Ham-mam added. "We have had five sendings-off in 12 games this season plus 24 yellow cards and we cannot continue like this it is impossible for us.

Now Hammam is determined to prove his club is being singled out for uniquely heavy-handed treatment by referees. "It will take about three weeks to compile the video I have in mind," he said. "We will splice together film of incidents involving other clubs players with similar ones involving our players and invite the inquiry to draw its own conclusions on what action the referees took in each case."

Hammam is particularly unhappy about the two yellow cards Jones received on Monday. He asked: "How, after Vinnie protested about offside. did the referee give a free-kick against us on the edge of our penalty box when the ball was in our goalkeeper's hands? And how did Vinnie get a red card later when Bryan Roy was just too quick and ran into him?

"I honestly believe there is not another player in the Premier League who would have been sent off for what Vinnie did." Hammam said. "Not now,

Alcock, the referee at Forest, said yesterday: "I'm certain I cannot be questioned over the decision to give Forest a freekick for the Wimbledon player's dissent. He did not swear but went on and on for a long time and in the end when he pointed to his eyes, clearly indicating the linesman was blind. I could not allow him any more leeway. The second bookable offence was quite straightfor-ward. He deliberately stopped his opponent running past him Jones: Monday's first offence by putting his body in the way."



Max Griggs, the chairman of ambitious Rushden & Diamonds, and the luxurious Nene Park, the ground he built

a club still wet behind د ' a he ears, Rushden & Diannouds boast some exotic connections. Eric Cantona, David Ginola and Moscow Dvnamo all have bit parts in a story to which the visit of Cardiff City will add a fresh chapter in the FA Cup on Saturday.

Cantona's shirt from the Wembley final of 18 months ago, autographed and framed. hangs in the club's headquarters. Ginola made his bow for Newcastle against them in a pre-season friendly. And four decades ago, local lads christened their new team the Diamonds as a derivation of Russia's legendary sporting ambassadors.

Household names all. Thanks to another foreign luminary, Rushden & Diamonds may eventually be one themselves. The irony is that the gentleman in question, a German from Bavaria, has never heard of the club. He is known for his interest in footwear rather than football. He is also dead.

Dr Klaus Martens' revolutionary boot design - with airfilled "bouncing soles" - was acquired in 1960 by a family firm in the cobbling county of Northamptonshire. Today the business boasts a worldwide

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"Doc Martens". So profitable has it become that the £10m used to launch and sustain Rushden & Diamonds has not been missed.

Ten million? On a Beazer Homes League team? Max Griggs, chairman of both club and shoemaking empire, is used to people doubting his sanity. They did it three years ago when he financed the merger of two non-League nonentities, Rushden Town and Irthlingborough Diamonds. Now he is confident of Football League status before the turn of the century.

Such visions may appear fanciful given that the full house of 4,600 expected for the Diamonds' debut in the competition proper is equivalent to the population of Irthlingborough ("a few shops either side of the high street and you're in the country," Griggs admits). Yet at Nene Park, a 100-acre complex on the town's outskirts, seeing is believing.

The stadium itself is unrecognisable from the days when the original Diamonds played to 30 men and a dog in the United Counties League. (A few miles away Rushden were drawing 150 in the Beazer Midland Division). A mass weekly sale of 220,000 pairs of of red seats and one spacious

FA CUP COUNTDOWN What connects Rushden & Diamonds and Doc Martens? Phil Shaw on a lucrative link

double-decker stand to accommodate 4,200 on its way. Griggs, a bouncy soul who supported Northampton from Fourth to First and later had an unfulfilling spell as a director. recalls how the prospective partners invited him along to the old ground. "It didn't appeal to me. All I could see was the development potential. putting some units up. But then I began getting involved, and the football started getting

terrace have sprouted, with a

into my blood. "After I'd agreed to come in. I said: Why don't we build a 1.000-seater stand?' People said: 'But we're only getting gates of 250'. They fancied being a nice little club, perhaps in the Conference, but I said: Well, let's build it and find out. So we did, though I was told we were wasting our money. But it was full when we opened it and has been ever since.

The first fixture as Rushden & Diamonds was watched by 315. A gate of 2,078 for Satur- verts into a snooker venue

day's 5-1 rout of Stafford took this season's average to 1,800. "I'm told there's 250,000 people within a 10-mile radius of here." Griggs says. "We're getting fans from all over East Northants, and from as far afield as Milton Keynes and

It helps, of course, that the side are three points clear at the top with three games in hand, having won 10 of the first 12. They have also come through five qualifying rounds to confront Cardiff, but there is more to the Nene Park experience than what happens out on the

Unlike most clubs who have relocated, the ground does not resemble an architecturally challenged hypermart. The focal point is the Diamond Centre, which houses spacious offices and state-of-the-art dressing-rooms. There is also a restaurant, conference facilities, gymnasium, sauna, bars and banqueting suite that congood enough to host the European League, all generating

Not to mention the toilets with nappy-changing facilities. Premiership-standard excutive boxes, club radio station carrying commentary on all Diamonds' games, an electronic scoreboard bought from Millwall - which Griggs reckons is a crowd-puller in itself - or the "Doc Shop" selling the prod-ucts which have made such feats possible.

Outside, there is a full-sized. pristine practice pitch. A synthetic surface and driving range are under construction. The ratio of parking space to cars must be as good as any in Britain, and Griggs is even putting up the money to build a new road and roundabout to make access easier.

Nor is the playing side starved of cash. The manager, Roger Ashty, has twice broken the £20,000 barrier. "If I thought that by spending £50,000 on a player it d get us promotion to the League, we'd do it." Griggs says.

"If you look at a team pic from our first year, in '92 there's only two faces left. From the next year it's three or four. We pay well, but they're

There's a real team spirit. I go

on the coach to the away games, and they're all singing

Inevitably, he has been dubbed "the non-League Jack Walker". As with Blackburn, people also argue that the potential is strictly finite. They say: You must have better things to spend your money on. But I've no desire for huge vachts in Monte Carlo. I'm just a homely boy who enjoys doing what I do. I'm happy putting something into the community. I don't really need

апу тоге. I'm asked why I haven't gone back to Northampton, or to Kettering, but it's lovely to build something from nothing. I'm having great fun. Once you've spent the money. you forget you've done it. If the footwear company wanted new machinery that would take priority over football, but as long as we can do both - why not?

"I don't see why we shouldn't reach the First Division, though I accept you can go too far too fast and that you need to consolidate." Cardiff, one suspects, may not be the first League club to find that walking on air is more Rushden & Diamonds' style than con-

Ince 'put up for sale' at Inter

RUPERT METCALF

Paul Ince, the England midfielder who moved to Internazionale from Manchester United in the summer, has been put up for sale by the Italian club, according to a report in yesterday's Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper.

"If it were up to me, I'd keep him," Inter's president, Massimo Moratti, said. "But we absolutely need a forward." The Milan club spent £6m on Ince but they - and the player - have struggled this season. Gazzetta dello Sport claimed that Arsenal,

castle have all asked about Ince. to anybody else and he has not squad for Wednesday's Eurowho could not find a place in the England squad announced yesterday for next week's friendly against Switzerland.

Two other current Serie A players could heading for England, Parma's Swedish international forward, Tomas Brolin, was at Elland Road on Monday for talks with Leeds United, who will now attempt to agree a fee for the 25-year-old.

The Leeds manager, Howard Wilkinson, said: "There is nothing concrete to report just yet. I think the fact that Tomas is

Chelsea, Tottenham and New- here is as surprising to him as defender, Chris Morris, to his had a lot of time to think about it. I don't anticipate a decision in the immediate future."

The other Serie A player being linked with a move to the Premiership is Sampdoria's 30vear-old captain, Roberto Mancini. The Italian international striker, according to press reports from Genoa, will discuss a transfer to Arsenal when his side visit Highbury for Alan

Smith's testimonial tomorrow. Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, yesterday recalled the Middlesbrough

pean Championship qualifier in Portugal - more than two years after his last cap. Charlton also added the Norwich midfielder. Mike Milligan, capped only once previously, to the party and promoted Liverpool's £2m

striker, Mark Kennedy, from the Under-21 pool. Ireland are without Roy Keane, while Andy Townsend, Steve Staunton and iohn Sheridan are doubtful. Liverpool's Ian Rush has

withdrawn from the Wales squad for next week's trip to Albania with back and ankle injuries.

Tulio ready for torrid reception won't be another controversial The Brazilian striker Tulio faces ney from Europe just for the

one of the most torrid experiences of his career tonight when he lines up to play against

Argentina in Buenos Aires. The most prolific Brazilian goalscorer of the moment is public enemy No 1 in Argentina following his goal against them in a Copa America quar-ter-final in July.

The Botafogo striker appeared to bring the ball down with his arm before scoring the goal which salvaged his team a -2 draw. Brazil, for whom Middlesbrough's Juninho will be wearing the No 10 shirt tonight, then rubbed salt into Argentinian wounds by going on to win on penaltics.

The Argentina president, Carlos Menem, called it "armed robbery" but, far from trying to defuse the situation Tulio poured more fuel on the fire when he promised to grab the winner in tonight's game.

goal but it will be one that will stay in the memories of Brazilian and Argentinian fans because it will be the one which will win the game," he said last

Tulio, who has outscored World Cup hero Romario in domestic football this year, is likely to line up alongside Bebeto in attack in a game which, although a friendly, is being taken seriously by both sides.

Daniel Passarella, the Argentinian coach, is under intense pressure for a good result after a disappointing Copa America performance which also included a 3-0 defeat by the United States. This was followed by a 2-1 defeat by Spain in September.

Consequently, he has asked several of his leading players, including two strikers playing in Italy, Gabriel Batistuta of Fiorentina and Abel Balbo of "I'm going to score again. It Roma, to make the long jour-

However, the veteran Diego Maradona, who has never made a secret of his dislike for Passarella, has been ignored, despite making an impressive comeback with the Buenos Aires club Boca Juniors, following the second drugs suspension of his career.

Brazil have also brought over several European-based players. including Juninho, and the outstanding young full-back Roberto Carlos, who plays for another Italian club, Internazionale of

Although Brazil lost the Copa America final on penalties against Uruguay, they have not been beaten over 90 minutes since losing 2-1 to Germany in November 1993.

Bates' blast for **Harding**

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, vesterday spelt out the terms if Matthew Harding is to take over the club. "There are 36 million unissued shares as of today, and a banker's draft for £18m would do nicely." Bates

as a director of Chelsea Village, the company which owns the club, but he has maintained his seat on the board at Stamford

garding the club's future, Bates

about getting a response to his plans, Bates replied: "Put it like this, it has taken a year not to get one. All we have is fluff on the cappuccino.

Bates first sent a letter by corded delivery to Harding on 19 October outlining his plans A Harding responded on 2 No.

often enough. Surely after near-by a year the Board is entitled to

Salonika in trouble after riot squad for the European Cham-

PAOK Salonika, the Greek club banned from Europe in 1992 because of crowd violence, will have at least three points deducted and their ground closed for up to 10 matches after fans rioted at a home match on Monday.

The Greek football federation said that the points deduction will be the minimum punishment handed out by a ederation tribunal in the next

The violence was sparked by a pitch invasion by some 300 enced Parma defender, yester-hooligans and ended with 30 day won a late call-up to the Italy

people injured - including the referee - and seven arrests.
Although the game was abandoned two minutes from

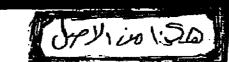
time with PAOK trailing 3-1, the result will stand. The Salonika club were banned from European com-

petition for two years in 1992 after fans rioted during a Ucla Cup match against Paris St-Germain. The ban was later cut to one year.

Luigi Apolloni, the experi-

pionship Group Four qualifying matches against Ukraine and Lithuania. The coach. Arrigo Sacchi, called up Apolloni, a reg-ular in the national squad, after his veteran club team-mate Roberto Mussi had to withdraw because of an ankle injury.

Mussi, 32, was a surprising in-clusion in the squad named on Monday for the qualifiers in Bari on Saturday and Reggio Emil-ia next Wednesday. He last played for Italy in September 1994 in a disappointing 1-1 draw against Slovenia in Maribor.



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Harding resigned on Monday

His resignation was accepted by Bates, who then released letters between the parties reis angry about Harding's apparent lack of enthusiasm for his

plans. Asked if he was optimistic

"Harding should put up or shut up. It is as simple as that. If he wants to start taking over the club, then he should start buying some shares."

vember, asking to be allowed to stand down from the board.

That prompted Bates to reply on 4 November, when he told Harding "I have flagged up my thoughts and strategy to you a detailed, measured response.

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Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

In the past Saracens have been virtually defenceless in what appeared to be a losing battle to ng on to their better players and keep up with their wealthier London neighbours. Now all that is to change. Saracens fi-nally have a financial cutting

The transformation has come thanks to the London businessman Nigel Wray, a self-confessed rugby fan, who has just sink Ean of his own money into ordinary shares in the newly formed Saracens plc, as well un-derwriting a £500,000 rights is-sue which will be offered to club members in a few weeks.

The chances of any other wealthy club succeeding with further asset-stripping looks unlikely following the intervention of Wray, so rising stars such as the back rowers Anthony Diprose and Richard Hill are unlikely leave the club in the same way as former players such as Dean Ryan (Wasps) and Ben Clarke (Bath) James Wyness, the Saracens

president, said: "It will give us great pleasure to be able to keep the predators, with their tempting offers to our players, at bay. Until now this club has lacked just one thing - money. It is the one resource that has always heen missing.

Wray, 47, who describes himself as an entrepreneur, played at centre and full-back for Old Millhillians in the Sixties and Seventies and also turned out for Hampshire, but there was no trace of a rugby traditionalist when Saraceus became the first English club to become incorporated, following a unanimous vote by members on Monday

nvolvement as a business ven-

ture, albeit one whose profits will be ploughed back into a club which is just up the road from his Totteridge home in North London.

"In my experience philanthropic gestures don't work. I've gone into this as a businessman," Wray said. "I'm a huge rugby fan and having observed what was happening 1 thought I'd like to get involved. was in discussions with Saracens long before Sir John Hall hit the headlines at Newcastle."

But he has no intention of throwing money at the club. "There is no bottomless pocket here. We've worked out how much was needed, now the club has to generate money itself. Saracens has to become a commercially successful busi-

Wray, who graduated from Bristol University with a degree in economics, is executive chairman of Burford Holdings plc. listed on the stock market and valued at around £380m. His substantial stake in that company as well as seven others, including Trocadero plc, a leisure company, warrants Wray's inclusion in Britain's Richest 500

Saracens' first job will be to select a board of directors, on which Wray will sit. Then they intend appointing a chief executive who will be paid between £40,000 and £50,000 per vear. "It's very exciting," Wray said. "I believe Saracens has the potential to become London's premier rugby club, capable of attracting the best players in Eu-

To that end, Wray also intimated that, in line with other clubs, he would be able to add a further dimension to his input, finding employment for players in one of his many companies or directing them to one of his And Wray is no philan-thropist either. He regards his rugby is on the move," he con-



Record rout of Llanelli is timely fillip for Fijians

Fiji could scarcely have hoped for better than yesterday's resounding victory at Stradey Park, coming as it did four days before they play Wales and here at one of the great cathe-

drals of Welsh rugby. Even so, it was not quite as good as it seemed. This was Llanelli's heaviest defeat by a touring team, worse than the 30-12 by which a superior side subsided against South Africa

which betrayed the Scarlets' untried quality rather than anything especially menacing about a Fi-jian team of near-lest strength. Llanelli's weakness was prin-

cipally by design of the national selectors. They had included five Llanelli players in their choice to face the Fijians thereby ruling them out of this match - and it was to the Scarlets' relief that Spencer John was permitted to play despite his promotion yesterday to the Wales bench after Lyndon Mustoe, a new cap from Cardiff, had replaced the injured John

ence. The Llanelli side looked callow and played like it, which but for their unlikely want of

For all the optimism expressed afterwards by Gareth Jenkins, the coach, the fact that Llanelli were restricted to kicks for their points while Fiji scored five tries tells its own

Somehow the Scarlets ran the tourists close enough to be level at half-time but this was achieved without a single threat to the Fijian line. So when Stephen Pearce opened the done in each of the half-dozen

scoring with an early penalty it turned out to be utterly mis-The penalty was followed by

tries for Fiji by Ifereimi Tawake and Rasolosolo Bogisa, the latter converted by Jonetani Waqa, before the Scarlets' most productive spell brought two drop goals by Matthew McCarthy and a second Pearce penalty in the eight minutes before half-

And that, as far as Llanelli were concerned, was that, it could have been worse, what with Waqa missing kicks with abandon as he and others have tour fixtures and the Fijian forwards conceding penalties with equal and familiar liber-

Hope arrives in Cardiff today in the distinguished form of the former Wigan points-machine and All Black Frano Botica, who will seek to show the wayward Waga how to do it. If he cannot kick his penalties on Saturday, Fiji can rest assured that Neil Jenkins will.

On this occasion, though, the miskicking mattered little. Further tries came from Manasa Bari, who had two, and Lawrence Little before Waqa rounded off the scoring with a

pressive overs in a training ses-

sion yesterday in preparation

for the first Test against Aus-

tralia in Brisbane starting

The groin complaint that has restricted the fast bowler to nine

first-class overs on tour had no

effect yesterday. "I'm feeling

very good," Wagar said. "I've

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drop goal and his second penalty, by which time place-kicking practice had become a stronger mperative than the running rugby which carries the Fijian

Fill: R Bogisa (Nadi); P Bale (Canterbury). S Scrowald (Weilington), L Little (King County), M Bart (Issua); J Wang (Fadinga), J Bandlard (Eastern Districts); J Veltongald (Fung Courry), caph., G Smith (Weil-ato), E Natu-

former England captain

Squash

The new England recruit Mark Chaloner moved into the second round of the Detien World Open in Nicosia yesterday with an impressive 15-10, 15-10, 15-12 defeat of his experienced compatriot Philip Whitlock.

But the British champion. Stephen Meads, lost in straight games to the South African qualifier Craig Van der Wath 15-11, 15-6, 15-11. And Chris Walker, the English second string for next week's World Championships in Cairo, could take only a single game from the Australian No 4, Craig Rowland, in a 15-11, 15-12, 13-15,

15-7 defeat. The 23-year-old Chaloner calmly absorbed the early attack of Whitlock, 10 years his senior and a former England captain. Chaloner then capitalised on a fortunate call on a backhand kill shot that seemed to hit the tin to capture 11 of the next 12 rallics.

Del Harris, of Essex, and Paul Johnson, of Kent, increased the English representation in the bottom half of the draw by respectively defeating Finland's Juha Raumolin, a qualifier, and the 10th-seeded Mark Cairns, of

Chaloner charges past Irani's spell puts victory in sight tourists the breakthrough they

Cricket

Karachi Combined XI 204 and England A 312

A superb spell of bowling by Essex all-rounder Ronnie Irani bas left England A with victory in their sights in today's final day of their four-day match against the Combined XI in Karachi. Irani took 5 for 14 and was

backed up by the Sussex leg spin-ner Ian Salisbury (3 for 71) as the Combined XI were reduced to 279 for 9 at the close of the third day with a lead of just 103. Irani's second spell was his

wickets off 24 balls, giving away just two runs to hasten the demise of the Combined XI's

Starting at the overnight total of 279 for 9, their last pair Ed Giddins and Shaun Udal added 33 runs with Udal getting to his 50 off 136 balls with the help of five fours before he fell victim to the off-spinner Nadeem Khan.

Only a defiant unbeaten 111 opener Mohammad Ramzam spared the home side from greater embarrassment in their second innings. He punctuated his innings with 15 boundaries but Ramzam was a lone figure of defiance. Off spinner Udal gave the

wanted, dismissing the in-form opening batsman Shahid Anwar then the total was 53. From then on the Test bowler

Salisbury and Irani shared the wickets. Shoaib Mohammad was out for seven and Sobail Jaffer, Ather Laceq and Nadeem Khan were dismissed for ducks. Gloucester left-arm seamer

Michael Smith, who bowled just three overs, early on in the innings, was struggling with a side strain.

He did not bowl at all later in the innings although he fielded straight through from lunch till close of play. (Third day of four, Combined XI won toss) COMBINED XI - First Inchings 204 (Azam Khan 55; I D K Salesbury 4-72).

(Overnight: 279 for 9) S D Udal c Shahid b Nadeem Khan . E S H Giddins not out Extras (b10, lb7, w4, nb7) Total (128.2 overs) 31:10-68-1; Teufiq Bader 16-4-41-2; Shahid Khan 30-8-72-4; Nadeen Khan 41.2-12-95-2; Shoain Mohammad 8-0-19-1.

COMBINED XI - Second Inning
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Azam Khan c Piper b Irani 15
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Febt 1-53, 2-89, 3-89, 4-135, 5-171, 6-175, 7-179, 8-183, 9-195.
Bowling: Guddins 19-6-30-0: Smith 3-0-14 Bowling: Gaddins 19-6-30-0; Smith 3-0-11-0; Udal 25-4-70-1; Salsbury 19-2-71-3; kan 10-3-14-5.

been bowling for the last four or five days now, it's quite good and I believe I'll be OK. The Australian coach, Bobby Simpson, said: "You never know against Pakistan. They

Waqar Younis, troubled by a seem to always play well groin injury, bowled three im- against us but every now and again they have an absolute shocker.

"The extra bounce of the wicket generally causes their batsmen a lot of trouble. If they have a day on they are a real handful but on the other hand we think we've got a pretty powerful batting line-up, and we handled them in Pakistan."

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Cricket

Narendra Hirwani, recalled to the Test scene eiter a five-year absence, will be scene etter a five-year absence, will be one of two leg spinners in India's team to play New Zealand in the third and fine! Test beginning today. The New Zealand coach, Glern Turner, said the recently laid pitch at Cuttack appeared like "Olled mud" and expected it to deteriorate. With this in mind, New Zealand have a releast Manthew Hart, the land have added Matthew Hart, the left-am-spinner, and hope that Shane Thomson, the reured off-spinner, will be

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Football Football
Fourteen non-Europeans were named yesterday on the list of 50 players from which this year's Golden Ball trophy will be chosen. Previously restricted to Europeans, the poll's ortican has been widened to include players of any nationality competing in Europe. Journalists from 50 European countries will choose from the shortlist and the winner will be announced on 26 Decemchoose from the standard and the win-ner will be announced on 26 Decem-ber. British-based players on the list are Manchester United's Peter Schmelchet, Everton's Daniel Amokacht, Blackburn's Alan Shearer, Assenal's Ian Wright and

Alan Shearer, Arsenal's lan Wright and Tony Yeboah of Leeds.

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(Pitcher (Watford) 1 match from 13 Nov. Pensi-ty Points: I Wingst (Assent) 3 matches from
13 Nov; M Steepson (Portsmouth) 3 match-es from 11 Nov; J Dicks (West Ham) 3 match-es from 6 Nov.

most prolific. He took four

Jarmo Sandelin, of Sweden, has won the 1995 European Tour's Sir Henry Cotton Roolue of the Year award. The 28-year-old, who was born in Finland, finished his first full aeason 21st in the Order of Merit with £173,856.

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Endsleigh League First Division

1 Derby v West Brom

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Playing Sunday: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chariton Athletic.

7 Port Vale v Sheff Utd

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13 Barnet v Woking

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ich (8.30) Southend (8.30)

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24 Hitchin v Bristol Rovers

26 Kiddeminister v Sutton Und 27 Mansfeld v Doncaster

29 Northwech v Scurithorne

30 Oxford Utd v Dorethester

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35 Stockport v Lincoln ..

37 Telford v Witton Albion .

32 Runcom v Wigan 33 Scarborough v Chesterfield

21 Fulham v Swansea

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6-9.9-4; S Homer (Eng) bit C Lewine (Sm)
9-1; S Schona (Ger) bit H Van Thorm (Neth)
9-8: C Jacjornan (Eng) bit T Weels (Aus)
9-8: J Martin (Eng) bit A Wany (Eng) 6-5
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MEN'S ATP CHALLENGER (Poking) Singles first round (selected); Therman (199) at Hai 80 Dang (Ch) 6-3 4-6 6-3: M Gesener (Car) bt M Petchey (SB) 4-6 6-4 6-4.

ADVANTA CHAMPIONISHIPS (Philadelphia) First round: A Huber (Ger) bt A Miler (IS) 6-1 6-5; C Rubin (ISS) bt 1. Nealond (Iss) 6-3 6-3; A Fincer (IS) bt N Prott (Aus) 7-5 6-1; I Sprina (Rom) bt G Fermander (US) 6-4 6-7-5 -3 M Hings (Swith bt M Tu (US) 4-6-7-6 6-3: N Zwerevo (Belei

(Rom) to C. Fernandez (US) 6-4 6-7 6-3; N. Hings (Swit) by M. U.S. 4-6 7-6 6-3; N. Zverevo (Relative A. Cooteer (SA) 2-6 6-2; 6-3; N. Zverevo (Relative A. Cooteer (SA) 2-6 6-2; 6-3; N. Zverevo (Relative A. Cooteer (SA) 2-6 6-2; 6-3; N. Swith M. Longer-Morrin (Sp) 6-4 0-6 6-3; J. Sanchez (Sp) by A. Longer-Morrin (Sp) 6-4 0-6 6-3; J. Sanchez (Sp) by G. Ettis (Align 6-4 4-6 6-1; N. Marryum (Pur) by Carbonell (Sp) 6-3 6-1; N. Marryum (Pur) by Carbonell (Sp) 6-3 6-1; N. Marryum (Pur) by Carbonell (Sp) 6-3 6-2; M. Roos (Chile) by F. Bavon (Ang) 6-7 6-6 6-4; F. Marryum (Sp) by S. Schwissen (Neg) 6-7 6-6 6-1.

WEEKEND FIXTURES AND POOLS FORECAST

49 St Wirren v Dundee Utd. Second Division 50 Berwick v Clyde.. 52 Montrose v East Fife . 53 Stirling v Sternhousemulr ... 54 Strantaer v Queen of South Third Division

48 St Johnstone v Hamilton

(Postponed: Poos panel will adjudicate)
Also playing mot on coupons): Bournemouth
v Bristol City: Carisle v Preston; Cinderford
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Colchester: Kingstoman v Wisbacht, Riewport
low v Ernfeld; Rushden & Damonits v Cardif;
Sough v Plymouth; Spermymoor v Colwin
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Brighton; York v Notis Courty. Playing
Monday: Wycombe Wanderers v Glimghern.
Bed? a Scottish Leasgne 55 Arbroath v Alica ier Divisio 40 Falkirk v Hibernian. 41 Hearts y Kamernock Four draws: Derby v West Brom, Eveter v Peterborough, Rochdale v Rotherham, Ratin v Monthesial 43 Raith v Matherwell.

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round regist; Dudicy v Asacton (7.45); Stungbourne v Bognor Regis (7.45).
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congron Sanley v Chorley, Droyleden v Coluyn Bay; Spennymoor v Knowsley, First
Division Cup first round: Farsley v Eastwood
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JEMSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Divisions Sudbury Wanderers v Loweston. NORTH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE First Diristone Prescot v Nembalch (all Rivousley Uni-visione Prescot v Nembalch (all Rivousley Uni-ed); Rossandale v Blackpool Rovers; St Heiers v Newcasie Town (7.45). Challenge Cap second fround: Tethey Wolker v Oldham Town (at Wortington Town). HEREWARD UNIVERS LEAGUE Pre-miss Phalelore Dorards v Ernaelynd are Raunds v Eynesbury. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE Premier Divisions Credition v Taumon; Twenton v Westbury; Tor-

47Dundee v Greenock Monon. TODAY'S FIXTURES LEAGUE OF WALES CUP First round: Co-maes Bay v Corwy, Porthmodog v Caemar-ton (? 45); Holywel v Rhyk, Briton Ferry v Barry; Cwmbran v Inter Cardiff.

> PONTINS LEAGUE First Divisions: Leeds v
> Geran (7-0); Notis County v Notinghem Forest (7-0). Second Divisions Aston Vita v Blackgood (7-0); Barrisley v Rotherham (7-0);
> Baddord City v'Ork (7-0); Burnley v Marchester
> City (7-15); Marsfield v Sunderland (7-0); Presion v Covertry (7-0). Third Divisions: Bury v
> Wigen (7-0); Chester v Carisle (7-0); Chesterfield v Lincoln (7-0); Darlington v Strewsbury
> (6-30); Doncaster v Scuntinope (7-0);
> Rochdidle v Wresham (7-0); Scarborough v Walsall (7-0).
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Ipswich to give Sutton severe test in the cup

Waqar on course to

face Australians

BILL COLWILL

Sutton Canada Life, leaders in the Premier Division of the National League, face a tough challenge as a result of yesterday's third-round draw of the AEWHA Cup, having to make the journey to Ipswich on 3 De-cember probably minus their three Great Britain players, writes Bill Colwill.

Assuming Britain win a place at the Olympics from the qualifiers starting in Cape Town next week, the coach, Sue Slocombe, has ordered rest on their return until 1 January. When the teams met in the lifth round two years ago Sutton won 4-1.

The only other Premier Division game is the meeting of the two bottom clubs. Doncaster having to make the long journey to Bracknell. The Cup holders Hightown entertain Southampton while the defeated finalists. Trojans, travel to Cheshire to play Poynton. Both should progress. Premier Division Slough, another club who will be missing three players, visit Second Division Sherwood.

Justine Curgenven celebrated her birthday with two goals for Cambridge University in their 3-1 win at Dereham in the last round. The students, who enter the third round for the first time, will be reasonably content with their visit to Camberley and should make further headway.

'Garbage' Ivanisevic fails to qualify for Frankfurt

Goran Ivanisevic, the Wimbledon runner-up in 1992, had an- a 7-6. 6-4 upset. other of is notorious off days when he was beaten in straightsets by the unseeded Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan in the opening round of the Kremlin Cup yesterday in Moscow, ending his hopes of qualifying for the ATP

Tour World Championships. "Today I was just a piece of garbage," said the second-seeded Croatian, whose recent slump has relegated him to No 9 in the world rankings.

Ivanisevic had been battling with the Swede Thomas Enqvist for the final qualifying place in the year-end event, beginning on 14 November in

Frankfurt, but his booming serve failed him and numerous unforced errors contributed to

The 28-year-old Matsuoka. Japan's top player who is ranked No 62 in the world and was runner-up at Queen's in 1992, will face Germany's Carl Uwe-Steeh in the second round.

Alexander Volkov, the defending champion from Russia, a notorious slow starter in tournaments, railied to heat France's Lionel Roux 4-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, fought off two match points in the second set before defeating the American Meilen Tu 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the first round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia yesterday.

BOOT MONEY

How the man from Doc Martens put £10m into a football club 26

Sinclair called up but Ince kept in exile

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent

It has been a long time since Blackpool were able to take a direct interest in the England team. Jimmy Armfield apart, no one has regularly worn both tan-gerine and white since the days when Sir Stanley Matthews was on the wing and Stan Mortensen in the middle.

Next week, however, when Terry Venables decides his final 11 to face Switzerland in a friendly international at Wembley, Bloomfield Road will be watching carefully. The Lan-

cashire club stands to earn a £50,000 bonus if one of their former starlets, Trevor Sinclair, plays for his country. Yesterday Sinclair, now at Queen's Park Rangers, took the penultimate step when he was named, for the

first time, in an England squad. But while Sinclair became the latest member of Terry Ven-ables' England club, Paul Ince remained outside. He will thus miss the chance to impress his club manager, Roy Hodgson, at international level. Hodgson is managing both Internazionale and Switzerland.

Venables, who watched the former England captain in ac-

tion for Inter on Sunday, said the door was still ajar but admitted the time when he would have to shut it for good was drawing near.

For Sinclair, however, the future is bright indeed. As a play-er who can play wide or through the middle he is less of an heir to Matthews or Mortensen than Tom Finney, one of the few English players to be blessed with such attacking versatility. Sinclair, of course, has a long way to go to match of Finney's standards. Sinclair is being bracketed in

the £10m range - what, one wonders, would Finney have



England squad

tional exposure is bound to increase speculation although the club is quick to point out he has recently signed a new deal. Blackpool, who stand to reap 20 per cent profit on any transfer, are watching closely.

There are two notable fea-

threat of closure. tures in Sinclair's development. He chose Blackpool in prefer-

ence to both Manchester chihs because he felt he would gain a better upbringing at a smaller club, and is a graduate of the FA National School of Excellence. Both the school, and several small clubs, are under

"He is in outstanding form," not want him there is little Venables said yesterday. "He point in staying. At least he now

has also played a lot of England games at youth and under-21 level and looked very happy in that environment

Venables said he felt Ince eded more time to settle in Italy. "It is hard anyway and, in his case, the nature of his game has made him more apprehensive because of the way referees are reacting to it. On Sunday I saw him make a brilliant tackle yet have a foul given against him. It is very frustrating. He is proud enough to want to make a success of it, but he is wise

enough to know if the club do

has a manager [Hodgson is English] who understands his problems and his language.

to make a decision on him but, summer. It was not always like John Barnes, he is an experienced player and I would have no qualus about bringing

him in."

Barnes, though St and in form, has been emitted after missing the Norway game through injury. David Platt's scoring ability has ensured his swift return while Peter Beard-level and norse too. sley is also back - and none too soon as Nick Barmby is out after twisting an ankle in training. Switzerland will be useful

oblems and his language. effectively through to the "After Christmas I will have ropean Championship." Armfield once captaine land to an 8-1 away win and them. A repeat is not exper

FA's 'restructuring' threat over TV deal

GLENN MOORE

The Football Association has threatened the Endsleigh League clubs with "re-struc-FA-brokered television deal on

The threat is contained in a leaked letter from Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA. which has been sent to all FA Council members. The letter details the new deal which is worth £118.5m over five years and, though backed by Sky TV, also includes terrestrial coverage.

The letter contains a nebulous, but threatening passage, which says: "If the proposals are accepted by the Football [Endsleigh] League the FA will be saved consideration of any applications to further re-structure the professional game. If the proposals are not accepted... there could be further ramifications in the structure of the professional competitions."

As Gordon McKeag, the president of the Football League, and eight club chairmen or directors are members of the FA Council, this letter is sure to receive wide currency before Friday's meeting. The phrasing is vague enough for almost every club to feel unnerved but the lower division clubs, haunted by the spectres of regionalisation, part-time

creation of a second break- of the need for a quick decision. away league, will have most cause for concern.

The letter contrasts with one which was sent by Kelly to all 72 club chairmen and publicly turing" if they do not accept the released yesterday. That stressed the deal's positive aspects although it also warned: "It is a here-and-now offer. It is not a speculative proposal involving a percentage of a linancial question-mark at some stage in the future."

That comment is clearly aimed at the Premier League who, since the FA offered its deal, has made a counter-proposal. The Premier League believes the Football League should simply renew its current deal (worth £6-7m a year) for one year to bring it in line with the other deals. Then it should link with the Premier to negotiate a joint deal, of which the Football League would be guaranteed 20 per cent. It is anticipated this would at least match the FA offer.

Both sides insist they will not become involved in an auction - but that is the only friendly note to the debate. The FA, having made its proposal on 9 October, originally gave the Football League 14 days to accept. The deadline was extended to Friday on condition the Football League did not renegotiate with the Premier igue in the meantime.

The Premier League is upset by this demand, and suspicious

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

This, says the FA, is because ITV can renew the Football League's current deal at the same price if a deal is not agreed by 1 December. However, it may not be in ITV's long-term interest to do so.

Both bidders say they are seeking the best deal for the good of the game. The FA argues that it always has football's wider interests at heart; the Premier League notes that it has told the clubs their deal would be linked with ground improvements and youth development.

In essence the row is about power - who controls the pro-fessional game? In a moment of candour Trevor Phillips, the FA's commercial director and the force behind their offer, admitted: "This is a battle for power. This is all about keeping a healthy balance of power so everyone respects each other's position. Things work better when there is a healthy balance

So the attention turns to the Football League's meeting on Priday. Some chairmen will feel the FA is holding a gun to their heads but, given the amount of money involved, it is a sugarcoated gun. Whoever they do the deal with their income will be immensely increased. Then the real row will begin. If you think this is messy, wait until the clubs start arguing about how they divide it up.



On the spot: Emma Holden concentrates on keeping her position on the ice during her short programme during the British junior figure skating championships at Basingstoke yesterday Photograph: David Ashdown

mote his latest idea - a football

ball's governing body, and sug-

15-month suspensions, But that

was not what the students came

There was. A student tossed

Maradona a golf ball and he foot-juggled it. Then he bal-

anced a football on his forehead.

The applause thundered both

gested they were behind his two

He criticised Fifa, world foot-

olavers' union.

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Middle area for girders?

25 Sound composed? (5)

We've had Reagan and Gorbachev here, and he out-did them both." said Rabbi Shmuel

Boteach, the director of the Jewish student group L'Chaim So-The students showed him a

kind of adulation I haven't seen before. Gorbachev got the restrained academic adulation. but not the gung-ho thing we saw

with Maradona. They were clearly in love with him." The Jewish student group, which regularly invites politicians and artists to speak and debate in the storied Oxford Union, offered Maradona the forum Monday to address about 1,000 students and about 150

journalists. "We had about 78 news organisations represented, far

Maradona dons cap and

Oxford University has seldom had a guest speaker like Diego Armando Maradona. recent memory," Rabbi Boteach said.
The 35-year-old midfielder. disgraced twice for drug-related suspensions from soccer. lapped up the chance. Notoriously unreliable, he arrived 50 minutes late - tied up in traffic

to Oxford after a Concorde flight to London. "A football player in my country is regarded as a know-nothing," Maradona told reporters. "So it was important for me to be here and show we're not as

ignorant as they say we are." Maradona, who began his second career comeback last month with the Argentinian club Boca Juniors, used the historic debating chamber to pro-

"Just being in the same room with him was unbelievable. He's the best player in the last 20

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"I was hoping there would be something more interesting than his speech," Clare Dixon, an 18-year-old student, said.

Ewing, said.

"Tve seen leaders, some very famous people have come through here and I've never seen them bring their children,' Rabbi Boteach said.

years," another student, Tom

Seated beside him at the

podium were his two young

daughters, in party dresses, and

his wife, Claudia, who eventu-

ally joined him from the audi-

Maradona, a street kid who grew up in a Buenos Aires slum, seemed sincerely moved by the event.

"It's been very emotional it's not often a soccer player can face so many people so rich in culture and education," he said, donning a cap and gown and holding an honorary diploma presented to him by Oxford's Lord Mayor.

The diploma read: "Master Inspirer of Oxford Dreamers".

Malcolm finds his fire just in time

Cricket

JAMES ALEXANDER reports from Kimberley

After almost three weeks criticism, claim and counter claim, Raymond Illingwon claim, Raymond lifting to has finally said something it about Devon Malcolm. It is no exactly a citation for a knight hood, but Illingworth admits he was impressed by Ma colm's bowling in the nets ye for the first time since

knee operation in September Malcolm was operating off in full run and somewhere clos to maximum velocity. Illus worth's decision to massa Malcolm's confidence - rath than beat it with a big stirl might just be in time to infine his fastest bowler with the near essary fire for the first Test ne Thursday.
That's the first time y

seen Devon come off his for run and put it in," the war er said. "If he can bowl like th I'll be happy. He looked qui

impressive today."

If Malcolm bowls well again South Africa A starting here a morrow, he is likely to play Centurion Park, probably at the expense of Richard Illingword By naming five quick bowless. By naming five quick box their squad, South Africa ha made it clear they expect the pitch to have some life as Malcolm is England's be means of responding in kind.

Robin Smith's chances of in clusion are more tenuous. En land have given him ever possible chance to recapture. form and, if he fails at here, John Crawley could b chosen. "Robin has a fine trac record," Illingworth says, "an we'd like to him to play in th Test. But Crawley will have net every day so he remains good nick if Robin does n

come through this match." In the last game before the Test, only Dominic Cork to those certain to play next wee is missing. He has a blistere

Graham Thorpe rejoin the tour yesterday after spen ing some time with his wife who lost their baby. Thorpe only innings was in a day night match a fortnight ago but his selection for the les will not even be an issue. At

ter Atherton, he is the fir batsman to be written down "The management were w understanding," Thorpe said: needed to make sure Nich was okay and if I had not good home I would only have been

fretting here. "I've got a bit of catching of to do," Thorpe added. "But I'm not too worried about have only one match before the first Test. I still think I'll be up

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